

# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL JUNE 5, 2025 6:00 P.M.



JoJo Burgess, Mayor

## <u>City Council</u>

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas Present
Councilman Andrew Callan Present
Councilman Joe Pintola Present
Councilman Ken Westcott Present

Mayor JoJo Burgess Present via phone

Solicitor: Jack Cambest Present

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

#### 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:**

## **CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Civil Service Commissioner, Richard Beck, to present Council with a Certified Sergeant List of 2.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Certified Sergeant List of 2.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to promote both Corporal Brad Resnick and Corporal Rodger Frazee (from said list) to the rank of Sergeant, effective June 6, 2025, and amend the Salary Resolution.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to Motion to promote Officer Bill Dennison and Officer Nick Powell (from the Corporal Eligibility list) to the rank of Corporal effective June 6, 2025, and amend the Salary Resolution.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to list for testing to create both a Sergeant and Corporal eligibility list.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Sharon Fritz, retroactive to May 9, 2025, amend the salary ordinance and pay all monies due.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve Grievance Settlement with the IAFF regarding the 3 disciplined fire fighters.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the retirement of Badge #41 effective April 4, 2025, amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the retirement of Badge #47 effective April 4, 2025, amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously Motion to approve the May 1, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve Payments (A.- HH.) in the amount of \$486,371.63.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve Refund (A-B) in the amount of \$664.77

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Toshiba Copier Lease Agreements for the Treasurer's Office and Police Department and pay all subsequent invoices. CHARGE: 01.15/410-210 and 01.24/403-210

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Ideal Integrations Palo Alto Yearly 2025 Renewal and pay all subsequent invoices. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-320

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the September 1, 2025 Washington Christian Outreach 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Labor Day 5K Classic Race from the Stone Pavilion in Washington park to the Pathways of Southwestern PA Offices on Jefferson Avenue.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize Treasurer Anthony Nicolella to pay off the 2025 TAN Loan to Washington Financial Bank in the amount of Principal \$1,300,000.00. **CHARGE:** 01.90/471-600 & Interest (as per payoff quote) **CHARGE:** 01.90/472-600.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to hire Dennis Amon as the Public Works Street Superintendent, effective June 16, 2025, and amend the Salary Resolution.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Dennis Amon as the Maintenance Repair Worker effective June 16, 2025, and amend the Salary Resolution effectively.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to pay McKean Plumbing for the installation of a heat pump for City Hall Server Room at a cost not to exceed \$4,050.00 and pay subsequent invoice. **CHARGE:** 52.00/409-368

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a T-Shirt Sponsorship for the Washington Arts ArtFest at a cost of \$250.00. **CHARGE:** 01-55/459-541

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the operation of a new speaker system at the Downtown Pavilion.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve a monthly internet subscription to Comcast for the Downtown Pavilion. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-320 (current subscription rate will be \$115.00 per month)

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a monthly subscription service to SoundMachine for use of licensed music for public events at the Downtown Pavilion, ensuring compliance with usage laws. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-320 (current subscription rate will be \$38.00 per month)

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a yearly subscription to Splashtop for Downtown Pavilion Speaker System for troubleshooting and required updates. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-320 (current subscription rate will be \$60 per year.)

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with Washington County for the Cell Tower Lease Agreement, retroactive March 1, 2024 thru February 28, 2029.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to purchase three Dell Latitude 5450 Laptops and Setup from Ideal Integrations and pay subsequent invoices not to exceed \$5,235.51. **CHARGE:** 01.23/407-260

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to enter into agreement with Ideal Integrations to renew the ExtremeWork Support for one year at a cost of \$875.00 and to pay subsequent invoices. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-320

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to enter into agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of 165 East Katherine Avenue.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to pay Recon Oilfield Services for Tack Tank Cleaning at a cost not to exceed \$3,950.00 and pay subsequent invoice. **CHARGE:** 01.42/430-370

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to pay Recreonics \$6,404.60 for AquaTrek 2 ADA Compliant Steps for Pool.

**CHARGE:** 01.53/454-211

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the codification estimate provided by General Code to codify City Ordinances at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 and to pay subsequent invoice. **CHARGE:** 85.00/400-300

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Final "Subdivision / Lot Line Revision for the 229 & 235 E. Maiden St. W&J Baseball Training Facility", conditioned upon the engineer's review letter dated May 20, 2025.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the W&J Baseball Training Facility's request for a modification to allow a 10ft width for the proposed storm sewer easement in one (1) location as indicated on the Applicant's submitted plans.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried to approve the final Land Development Plan for the 229 and 235 East Maiden Street W&J Baseball Training Facility, conditioned upon the engineers Review Letter dated May 20, 2025.

**ROLL CALL:** Councilman DeThomas: YES

Councilman Callan: ABSTAIN

Councilman Pintola YES

Councilman Wescott: YES

Mayor Burgess: YES

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Conditional Use Application for a group care facility at 370 Jefferson Avenue (Parcel ID: 770-001-00-02-0017-00.)

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Final "Daniel Stephens Subdivision/Consolidation Plan #2", conditioned upon the engineer's review letter dated May 29, 2025.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to award Main Street Lamp Post Outlet Replacement project to Westmoreland Electric Services LLC., for the base bid of \$18,200.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to award the West Prospect Storm Sewer Project to Morgan Excavating LP., for the bid price of \$70,105.00.

## RESOLUTIONS

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 11 of 2025** 

A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE WASHINGTON PARK POOL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UP TO \$153,000. THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COMMITS TO PROVIDE 15% IN MATCHING FUNDS, OR \$27,000, WHICHEVER IS LESS, TO THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WASHINGTON PARK POOL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 12 of 2025** for the 2025 Pony World Series Banners to be displayed July 25, 2025 through August 14, 2025.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 13 of 2025** to remove 1 handicap parking space at 587 Broad, remove 1 handicap parking space at 740 Broad, remove 1 handicap parking space at 746 Broad Street and add 1 handicap parking space at 720 Broad Street.

## **DISCUSSION:**

**Councilman Joseph DeThomas** – Thanked the Civil Service. Thanked Shana Brown for her work as the Downtown Business Director. Welcomed Brad Martin as the new Downtown Business Director.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Announced upcoming events at the Washington Park

Councilman Joe Pintola – Announced that the street sweeper is finally fixed. Will start paving soon.

**Councilman Ken Westcott** – Thanked the Civil Service. Wished Dennis Amon well on his new position.

Mayor JoJo Burgess- No Comment

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting (RE: 370 Jefferson Avenue) Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers

Conditional Use Hearing (RE: 370 Jefferson Avenue) Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

The Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

## **EVENTS:**

Farmers Market Thursdays 3 PM until 6 PM
Color Run: June 14, 2025 Washington Park
Adult Triathlon: June 28, 2025 Washington Park 16+
Youth Triathlon: June 29, 2025 Washington Park

Spark in the Park Saturday, July 5, 2025 Washington Park

Whiskey Rebellion: July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

Wash Arts-Fest July 26, 2025

Pony World Series August 8-13, 2025

Washington County Fair August 9-16, 2025

43<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day 5K Monday, September 1, 2025

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to adjourn.