



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 2025 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 Rich Celani and former Police Chief Baker

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.

Eagle Scout Proclamation presented to Grady Hinkler for his Eagle Scout Promotion.

Washington Pride Award presented to Teresa Burroughs, Executive Director of the Lemoyne Center, for her dedication to our youth and community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doug Fraley 389 Taylor Avenue: Thanked the street department for fixing some potholes in front of this property. Questioned if a mobile home/trailer had to be on a foundation.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the July 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve Payments (A.-W.) in the amount of \$115,449.06.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve Refund (A.) in the amount of \$50.00.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve Transfer (A.) \$36,068.75 from the Fire Escrow Account (47.00/389-830) to the General Fund (01.00/392-998) for 165 East Katherine Avenue.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to rescind the motion approved at the July 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting to approve the agreement with Robinson Pipe Cleaning for an industrial jet/vac cleaning truck with operator and laborer to clean up storm sewer tank on Washington Street and subsequent payment. **CHARGE:** 01.42/430-210

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with Slusarczyk Excavating for an industrial jet/vac cleaning truck with operator and laborer to clean up storm sewer tank on Washington Street and payment \$12,000.00 invoice. CHARGE: 01.42/430-210

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to Table the proposal from Skelly & Loy to perform the American Legion Site Stream Restoration Final Grant Report and Joint Permit Application Services Proposal Number PJN247383 at a cost not to exceed \$72,800.00 and to pay subsequent invoices. Motion to approve with conditions, noted in the July 10, 2025 City Engineer's letter, the Subdivision/Lot Consolidation for Christ Fellowship Church/The Oaks Academy 101 S. College St.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to Motion to authorize Harshman CE Group, LLC. to advertise to bid the Outlet Replacement Project.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Jennifer Winters as of 7-29-2025, pay all monies due and amend the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, carried unanimously, to hire Jodi Gallagher, pending all employment screening, for the position of data clerk in the police department effective August 18, 2025, and amend the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to appoint Brad Martin as the Washington Business District Director, effective June 16, 2025.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the Civil Service Commission to begin the Fire Department Captain promotional process.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a Conciliation Agreement with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission at EEOC Charge Number 533-2025-00068.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, to approve Trick or Treat for the City of Washington for Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING of ORDINANCE 1983 BILL NO. 6 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING A PORTION OF TUBE ALLEY AT MCADAM AVENUE

***No Vote Required**

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the adoption of **RESOLUTION 21 of 2025**

AMENDING SECTION 4.1 (b)(2) of THE FIREFIGHTER CIVIL SERVICE RULES THE FIREFIGHTER CIVIL SERVICE RULES PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION OF CAPTAIN TO REMOVE THE THREE YEARS OF SERVICE REQUIREMENT.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 22 of 2025**
**AMEND RESOLUTION 1 OF 2025 TO RECIND THE DUE DATE ASSOCIATED WITH
SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS AND MAKE THE FINAL DUE DATE 12/31/2025.**

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Thanked Teresa Burroughs for her service to the community. Thanked the Civil Service for their hard work. Stated that it is impressive to obtain Eagle Scout Status.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Announced that the Pony World Series begins tomorrow night. Councilman Joe Pintola – The Street Department is patching potholes and using the street sweeper.

Councilman Ken Westcott – No comment

Mayor JoJo Burgess- Thanked Teresa Burroughs for her commitment to the community. Stated that the Lemoyne Center is for the entire Washington Community and is open to everyone regardless of race.

Recommended that the community take a look at the Hoge Memorial on Walnut Street as Boy Scout, Alex Weaver, and his troop have been doing a lot of work to improve the memorial.

The next Council Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

EVENTS:

Farmers Market	Thursdays 3 P.M. until 6 P.M.
Pony World Series	August 8-13, 2025
Washington County Fair	August 9-16, 2025
Rally on Main	Saturday, August 23, 2025
Shark in the Park	Sunday, August 24, 2025
43 rd Labor Day 5K	Monday, September 1, 2025
Italian Festival	Saturday, September 20, 2025
7 th Ward Fall Festival	Thursday, October 9, 2025 (4:30 P.M. until 6:30 P.M.)

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola and carried unanimously to adjourn.