



**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 10, 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
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**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:**

**H.K. TALEBI: 315 JEFFERSON AVENUE: REGARDING 308 JEFFERSON AVENUE.** Is questioning why the tenant needs to file for a zoning variance. Mayor Burgess explained that it is the City's Zoning process and that it needs to be followed.

**FERN SIBERT:** Thanked street department for their work. Asked Council to repair a pothole at Baird between Fayette and Addison. Expressed concern that the Lemoyne Center Food Distribution Program is wasting food by leaving it at the playground. States that there is a very large amount of waste. Complained about the trash at the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Playground and how it needs to be picked up more than once a week with the food distribution program. Complained about the weeds in sidewalks in west end and even at City Hall. Reported that a van has been sitting at the corner of Brookside and Fayette for at least a year. Complained about the overgrowth along the wall and sidewalk of the 500 block of West Chestnut. Clean and Tidy will be collecting gently used tennis shoes in October.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

***Civil Service Commissioner, Richard Beck, to present Council with the Firefighter List of 2***

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to hire Ryan Hess as a probationary firefighter from the Fire Department List of 2, effective July 11, 2025, and amend the salary resolution, pending all pre-employment screening.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to hire Ryan Kmetz, as a probationary firefighter from the Fire Department list of 2, effective July 11, 2025, and amend the salary resolution, pending all pre-employment screening.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the June 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve payments (A.-Q) in the amount of \$177,592.66.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve refund (A.-C.) in the amount of \$2,735.62.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Cell Tower Agreement between the City of Washington and Washington County.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the copier lease agreement with Hughes Office Equipment for the City Clerk's Office and City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the amount of \$169.70 per month.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the rental quote from United Rentals for a submersible pump in the amount of \$3,325.70 and pay subsequent payment. **CHARGE:** 01.42/430-210

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a Submersible Pump from Rice Electric in the amount of \$7,629.00 and subsequent payment. **CHARGE:** 01.42/430-210

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with Robinson Pipe Cleaning for an industrial jet/vac cleaning tuck 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 estimate from McKean Plumbing in the amount of \$4,750.00 to install a Submersible Pump, and subsequent payment. **CHARGE:** 01.42/430-210

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to purchase a JCB 417 Wheel Loader in the amount of \$85,000.00 from SEI Stephenson Equipment, and subsequent payment. **CHARGE:** 46.00/430-740

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to begin processing of updating City Hall's fire safety system.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to advertise for a full-time Parking Office Maintenance/Meter Repair Employee.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to hire Jennifer Winters as the Police Department Data Entry/Clerk, effective Monday, July 21, 2025, pending all pre-employment screening, and amend the salary resolution.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to suspend Badge No. 071 from the City of Washington Police Department for 15 Days, demote back to rank of Patrolman effective July 18, 2025, and amend the Salary Ordinance.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to suspend Badge No. 088 from the City of Washington Police Department for 1 day, effective July 18, 2025.

## **ORDINANCE**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the **FINAL READING of ORDINANCE 1982 BILL NO. 5 OF 2025**

### **TO TAKE FORMAL ACTION CONSTITUTING A DEBT ORDINANCE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT.**

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 14 of 2025** for the Primo Italiano Lodge 280 Italian Heritage Festival to be displayed August 14, 2025 – September 29, 2025.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 15 of 2025** to add 1 handicap parking space at 267 N Franklin Street, add 1 handicap parking space at 749 Broad Street and remove 1 handicap parking space at 765 Broad Street.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 16 of 2025** to amend the City of Washington 2025 Fee Schedule to increase the Zoning Hearing Board Fee and the Planning Commission Hearing Fee to \$1,000.00 and require an additional \$2,500.00 to be placed in escrow to pay fees associated with the respective hearing costs, effective July 10, 2025.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 17 of 2025** to appoint City Administrator, Rich Cleveland, as the Pennsylvania Legislative League Liaison.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 18 of 2025** for the W&J Back to School & PARENT WEEKEND Banners.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 19 of 2025** to place No Parking signs on Locust Avenue from Murtland Avenue to Wilson Avenue.

## **DISCUSSION:**

**Councilman Joseph DeThomas** – Thanked the Civil Service. Shared that the Whiskey Rebellion is this weekend. Welcomed Brad Martin as the CDC Director and WBDA Manager.

**Councilman Andrew Callan-** Thanked DeaAnna and her staff for their work with July 4<sup>th</sup> Spark in the Park. Shared that attendance at the pool has been up due to the 90° weather.

**Councilman Joe Pintola** – Street paving will be beginning, and the Street List will be put on the City website. The new front loader will help the Street Department.

**Councilman Ken Westcott** – Thanked the Civil Service. Happy that the Fire Department is fully staffed again. Welcomed the two new firefighters.

**Mayor JoJo Burgess-** Thanked Chief Richer for looking into City Hall Fire Safety upgrades. Told both Chief Richer and Chief Devenney that he appreciates their work. Thanked the Civil Service and welcomed the two new firefighters. Invited everyone to attend the Whiskey Rebellion this weekend.

The next Council Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

**EVENTS:**

Farmers Market	Thursdays 3 PM until 6 PM
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 Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to adjourn.