

CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 4, 2025 6:00 P.M.



<u>City Council</u>

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

JoJo Burgess, Mayor

ROLL CALL:

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

Solicitor: Jack Cambest

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

OATH OF OFFICE

FIRE:

Captain Dustin Danley

POLICE:

Corporal Bill Dennison Corporal Nicholas Powell Seargent Brad Resnik

- 1. **Motion** to approve the November 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- 2. **Motion** to approve Payments (A-L) in the amount of \$476,180.87.
- 3. **Motion** to approve transfer (A) in the amount of \$4,250.00
- 4. **Motion** to extend the new hire probation of employee, Jodi Gallagher, for a period of 60 days from the original probation end date of November 15, 2025. All probationary rules in the

- Collective Bargaining Agreement apply. If the employee does not successfully complete the probation, the ending of employment will be at the discretion of the City.
- 5. **Motion** to approve adding 1125 Bruce Street (750-031-00-04-0011-00) to the Demolition List and authorize the solicitor to execute the title search.
- 6. **Motion** to approve a resolution for Washington Financial 2026 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 at a rate of 3.81% Interest with no fees.
- 7. **Motion** to approve the Street Banner Specifications to be followed by all organizations requesting overhead banners.
- 8. Motion to approve the 2026 CDBG Funding & Projects-\$527,525

Home Rehabilitation-\$100,000

Demolition-\$100,000

Washington Park Pool Upper Parking Lot Paving Project \$122,350

Street Paving- \$205,175

Shannon Street-Ridge Avenue to Pine Street

Hallam Avenue-Ridge Avenue

Erie Street – Ridge to Pine Street

- 9. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Shawn Vaughn, effective November 14th, amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.
- 10. **Motion** to approve the hiring of Michael Moye, effective December 1st, at \$19 per hour, and adjust the salary ordinance accordingly.
- 11. **Motion** to approve the promotion of Gary Bane to Mechanic II, effective immediately, adjust the salary ordinance accordingly.
- 12. **Motion** to enter into a licensing agreement with the WashPA Outdoors Co., a Pennsylvania Limited Liability Company for the use of parcel 730-001-00-01-0022-00 as a community garden, known as Firefly Gardens.
- 13. **Motion** to approve the North Main and Chestnut Consolidation.
- 14. **Motion** To promote Firefighter Alex Gates to the rank of Engineer effective 12-04-2025 and amend the salary resolution accordingly.
- 15. **Motion** to approve entering into an Engagement Letter with Sweat Law Offices, Michael Cruny, and Sarah Scott to provide legal services for the City's Treasurer's Department for an hourly rate of \$185.00.
- 16. **Motion** to post for the creation of a new Sergeant's eligibility.
- 17. **Motion** To request the Civil Service board to administer the application and testing process for entry level firefighter.

- 18. **Motion** To approve fire department purchase of one additional cargo container to be utilized at its training facility. Cost not to exceed \$3000.00.
- 19. **Motion** To award Nicole Scott Survivor pension benefits as per article 11 section 9 of the IAFF Local 2218 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Benefits to be paid retroactive December 27th, 2024.
- 20. **Motion** to approve the 2026 City of Washington Adopted Budget and 2026 Salary Ordinance.
- 21. **Motion** to approve adding 14 Acheson Avenue (750-007-00-02-0005-00) to the Demolition List and authorize the Solicitor to execute the title search.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion to approve <u>RESOLUTION 31 of 2025</u> to remove a handicap parking sign at 340 Locust Avenue (across from 12 Kennedy Avenue.), 105 Hall Avenue, 107 Hall Avenue and 115 Hall Avenue.

ORDINANCES

Motion to approve the FINAL READING to approve ORDINANCE 1986 BILL NO. 9 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 1356, CHAPTER 24, PART 5, LEVYING A TAX AND FIXING A TAX RATE FOR ALL CITY PURPOSES ON THE VALUATION OF SUCH PROPERTY AS HAS BEEN OR MIGHT HEREAFTER BE ASSESSED AND SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2026.

*** NO VOTE REQUIRED***

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas –

Councilman Andrew Callan-

Councilman Joe Pintola -

Councilman Ken Westcott -

Mayor JoJo Burgess-

The Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

City Offices are closed Thursday, December 25, 2025 in observance of Christmas.

City Offices are closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Years Day.

The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 5, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

EVENTS:

Christmas Parade Friday, December 12, 2025

Holiday Market in the Park Saturday, December 13, 2025

Motion to adjourn.