

MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, January 12, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of Washington City Council was held Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 55 West Maiden Street, Washington, Pennsylvania. Mayor Brenda Davis, presiding, opened the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Ken Westcott	- Present
Councilman Terry Faust	- Present
Councilman Matthew Staniszewski	- Present
Mayor Brenda Davis	- Present
Councilman Joseph Manning	-Absent

SOLICITOR: Lane Turturice, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

MAYOR DAVIS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2012, AT 6PM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Mayor Davis then opened the public participation portion of the meeting. Those signed in to speak were as follows:

Chief Bob Lemons spoke to Mayor and Council with the monthly report for the month of December 2011. 843 calls for service for the Police Department, 8,678 miles of City streets were patrolled in the month period. Traffic citations: 55 traffic citations were issued both parking and moving. Non-traffic citations which includes disorderly conduct, harassments and 1st time retail thefts, charges and ordinance violations . . . there were 31 citations issued by the Department, and criminal arrests were at 44. The monies collected: the accident reports we took in \$390, the incident reports \$90, fingerprinting \$280 for a total of \$760. Chief Lemons said he will be providing reports as we go along, he said hopefully the numbers will improve as nicer weather gets here.

There being no further public participation, Mayor Davis closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2011 Special Meeting of Washington City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to approve payment to Skelly and Loy in the amount of \$25,970.42 for 313 Catfish Creek storm water management project, sites 4 and 6A. Charge 60.00/489-000.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to approve payment to Phillips and Faldowski in the amount of \$3,445.00 in connection with special legal counsel work performed. Charge 01.13/404-314.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to transfer \$6,492.60 from the LSA Fund to the Catfish Creek Project Fund for the City's match towards Skelly & Loy invoice 54495.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to approve payment to Berggren & Turturice LLC in the amount of \$4,471.06 for legal services performed during the month of December 2011. Charge 01.13/404-310.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to approve payment to Phillips & Faldowski, P.C. in the amount of \$2,300.00 for legal services rendered on the City of Washington VS Tom Lane Case for November & December 2011. Charge 01.13/404-314.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. STANISZEWSKI and unanimously carried to approve payment to Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$3,418.33 for ammunition for the Police Department. Charge 01.15/410-239.

A motion was made by Mayor Davis and seconded by Mr. STANISZEWSKI and unanimously carried to authorize the Civil Service Commission to provide the next 3 names: Robert Ferry, Lindsi Kopko, and Eric Holt on the Police Civil Service List. Ray Natilli presented this list.

A motion was made by Mayor Davis but died for a lack of second to hire Robert Ferry as a police officer effective January 23, 2012, at a starting salary of \$38,710.04 pending successful completion of physical exam, and to amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

A motion was made by Mayor Davis but died for a lack of second to hire Lindsi Kopko as a police officer effective January 23, 2012, at a starting salary of \$38,710.04 pending successful completion of physical exam, and to amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

A motion was made by Mayor Davis and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to hire Eric Holt as a police officer effective January 23, 2012, at a starting salary of \$38,710.04 pending successful completion of physical exam, and to amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to authorize the City to advertise for Fire Civil Service applicants based on recommendation by the Civil Service Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Staniszewski and unanimously carried to authorize Carolyn Miller to establish a memorial garden in the green space between the Senior Citizens Center and the Police Station upon the condition that all proper releases and indemnifications are made from all participants. Comment made by Councilman Faust stating that Carolyn Miller came to the Agenda Meeting and proposed this area as a memorial garden for any police officer in Washington County. Councilman Faust stated that Carolyn will spearhead this and this memorial garden was her idea. Councilman Faust extended a personal thank you to Carolyn Miller.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to authorize Councilman Staniszewski to enter into a contract with Costars for 1800 tons of salt.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to advertise for asphalt bids for the 2012 season.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to advertise for bids for on call street milling services.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to advertise for bids for on call services for tarring and chipping the alleys in the City of Washington. Comment by Councilman Staniszewski stated that this was for road salt/milling services, and we are advertising for bids a lot earlier this year and thanked Mayor and Council for moving quickly on this.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to advertise and accept sealed bids for the sale of retired transit vehicles #410, #506 & #507, following procedures outlined in the City Transit's Disposition Policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and carried to approve payment to GG & C Bus Company, Inc. in the amount of \$69,368.77 for contracted public transit services performed in November 2011, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Ken Westcott	-Y
Councilman Terry Faust	-Y
Councilman Matthew Staniszewski	-Abstain due to personal conflicts
Mayor Brenda Davis	-Y

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Nancy Basile in the amount of \$94.85 for December 2011 reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to the Observer-Reporter in the amount of \$844.26 for publication of a public notice of transit fare changes, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Smith's Auto Supply in the amount of \$126.96 for vehicle overhaul work performed on a city transit vehicle, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Gannett Fleming, Inc. in the amount of \$518.33 for approved work regarding the transit study, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Ntouch, Inc. in the amount of \$3,125.00 for contracted on-call website set-up/marketing services performed through December 2011, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve

payment to Net Fifty, LLC in the amount of \$4,119.96 for financial hardware and software needed for Transit Office, to be paid from the Mass Transit account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 28.00/447-330.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Jeff Zell Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$15,669.36 for capital project specific contracted on-call services performed through December 2011, to be paid from the purchase of buses and equipment account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 27.00/447-743.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Astorino in the amount of \$270.31 for contracted services performed through December 2011, to be paid from the purchase of buses and equipment account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 27.00/447-743.

A motion was made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to approve payment to Earth Savers, Inc. in the amount of \$30,300.00 for contracted demolition services performed through December 2011, to be paid from the purchase of buses and equipment account upon verification by the Finance Department that the stated transit funds are available. Charge 27.00/447-743.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to approve payment to E. G. & G, Inc. in the amount of \$6,030.05 for Washington, PA – Phase III, Amend. No. 13 & 14, S Main St – Railroad St to Park Ave. Charge 60.00/489-000.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to approve real estate tax refund to Williams S. Sheers in the amount of \$589.54 to correct clerical error of the Washington County Tax Assessment Office in connection with property located at 221 Rock Avenue, Washington, PA. Charge 01.00/301-020.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott and unanimously carried to appoint Christy Thomas as the City Clerk at a salary of \$28,000.00 and to amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to take adverse action against three City employees as discussed in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to reimburse Berggren & Turturice LLC in the amount of \$1,405.81 for costs advanced in connection with legal advertising for demolition of property at 4 Mill Street, Washington PA, as evidenced by the invoice from Alm Integrated Media Company as agent for the Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer.

A motion was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mayor Davis and unanimously carried to take action to approve the call-off policy for the City of Washington Street Department.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilman Kenneth Westcott: Mr. Westcott said he has been getting his feet wet working with Chief Brookman and our Code Enforcement Personnel. He will work hard this next year in getting things in place to work well. Councilman Westcott said he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Terry Faust: No Comment at this time.

Councilman Matthew Staniszewski: Mr. Staniszewski again welcomed Christy Thomas and Eric Holt, he looks forward to working with them . . . and welcome to the City of Washington. Mr. Staniszewski said he

enjoys working with the Street Department and recognized Rodney Barry, long-time Street Department employee and thanked him for his years of service along with others in the audience.

Mayor Brenda Davis: Mayor Brenda Davis thanked the citizen in the West End of Washington regarding the burglary in progress. This concerned citizen alerted our police officer on patrol, police officer acted very quickly and suspect was apprehended in the act. Both citizen and police officer were thanked for this teamwork.

Mayor Brenda Davis said she has had a wonderful week and a half coming into City Hall, she had a wonderful transition coming into the Office, the staff has been very welcoming and looks forward to working with each and every one of them. Mayor Brenda Davis thanked the new City Clerk for applying and said welcome aboard. Officer Holt was thanked by Mayor Brenda Davis for applying for police officer for the City of Washington and welcomed him aboard too.

Mayor Brenda Davis stated that the Washington City Building would be closed on Monday, January 16, 2012, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 8:30AM.

Mayor Brenda Davis announced that the next regular meeting of Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7PM in Council Chambers and the Agenda Works Session will be held Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6PM here in Council Chambers.

There will no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Staniszewski and seconded by Mr. Westcott, and unanimously carried.

Brenda Davis, Mayor

Christy S. Thomas, City Clerk