



CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.



Scott G. Putnam, Mayor

City Council

Joe Manning, Councilman

Ken Westcott, Councilman

Tracy Graham, Councilwoman

Monda Williams, Councilwoman

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Monda Williams	- Present
Councilwoman Tracie Graham	- Present
Councilman Ken Westcott	- Present
Councilman Joe Manning	- Present
Mayor Scott Putnam	- Present

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest, Esquire	- Present
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MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016, regular meeting of the Washington City Council.

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 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

1. Alice McVay, of 1028 Michigan Avenue, is having issues with water flooding her backyard from a 10" – 12" pipe. This continues to be an ongoing problem. Councilman Westcott said that this issue should have been fixed by the City's engineer, Widmer because the pipe should have been removed. He will call the engineer to do another hydro test to see exactly where the water is coming from. Councilman Manning stated that this issue is not specific to just Ms. McVay's property. There are other properties affected, as well. Mayor Putnam asked the Solicitor to draw up the paperwork for a Right of Entry, in order to give the City access to Ms. McVay's property.
2. Eugene Raggi, of Raggi Way, is concerned with Rual Street near the Washington Park. He is concerned that someone will get seriously hurt when cars and trucks drive on this street. Chief Robert Wilson (Police Chief) will meet with Mr. Raggi on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, to discuss a solution.
3. Suzanne Kelley – There will be a Walk for Jordan on July 5th and a Community Picnic on July 9th. The Walk for Jordan is a walk for suicide prevention/awareness. The Community Picnic is from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is free to everyone in the community. This is a personal invitation for the Mayor and Council to attend.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the following transfers to:

- (a) Authorize the transfer of \$52,788.00 from the DCED Grant (**Acct. No.** 95.00/100-000) to Marcellus Shale (**Acct. No.** 96.00/100-000).
- (b) Authorize the transfer of \$18,895.50 from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority's Debt Service Payment (**Acct. No.** 01.00/389-835) to Engineering Service (**Acct. No.** 01.43/430-313).
- (c) Transfer \$203,059.00 from the General Fund (01.70/492-995) to the Capital Improvement Fund (77.00/392-900) as appropriated in the 2016 adopted budget.
- (d) A motion to transfer \$27,000.00 from the Liquid Fuels Money Market Account (Fund 03.) to the General Fund Reserve Money Market Account (Fund 46.). (This is to repay the funds borrowed earlier this year until our state aid allocation came in).
- (e) Transfer \$125,000.00 from 96.00/438-000 Marcellus Shale-Public works/construction & maintenance of roadways to 01.42/438-210 General Fund-Public works/Road Maintenance & Repairs (per the 2016 Adopted budget).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the following payments to:

- (a) McElroy Paving Company in the amount of \$18,895.50 for Payment No. 1 (Tennis Courts). **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (b) Lehigh Aggregates BMC, Inc. in the amount of \$8,153.75 for asphalt – community pavilion. **CHARGE:** 96.00/438-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (c) Lehigh Aggregates BMC, Inc. in the amount of \$479.05 for asphalt – community pavilion. **CHARGE:** 96.00/438-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (d) Lehigh Aggregates BMC, Inc. in the amount of \$1,540.00 for asphalt – community pavilion. **CHARGE:** 96.00/438-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (e) Lehigh Aggregates BMC, Inc. in the amount of \$1,985.50 for asphalt – community pavilion. **CHARGE:** 96.00/438-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (f) Allegheny Service, LLC in the amount of \$2,088.00 for asphalt – community pavilion. **CHARGE:** 96.00/438-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (g) William Chandler in the amount of \$2,600.00 for asphalt/community pavilion. **CHARGE:** 96.00/438-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (h) Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$2,475.00 for April items. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (i) CT Consultants in the amount of \$1,035.00 for Phase III Amendment #18 (Final). **CHARGE:** 96.00/489-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (j) CT Consultants in the amount of \$90.00 for Phase III Amendment #18. **CHARGE:** 96.00/489-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (k) Gov Connection, Inc. in the amount of \$3,515.00 for five (5) OptiPlex p/c's and five (5) monitors. **CHARGE:** 96.00/410-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (l) Gov Connection, Inc. in the amount of \$1,213.08 for one (1) OptiPlex p/c. **CHARGE:** 96.00/410-000 (Marcellus Shale).
- (m) West Penn Power in the amount of \$8,815.06 for emergency repairs – broken street lights. **CHARGE:** 96.00/489-000.
- (n) S. E. Schultz in the amount of \$7,300.00 to relocate electric – Street Department – brine system. **CHARGE:** 77.00/430-700.
- (o) S. E. Schultz in the amount of \$150.00 for the Colt Field Storm Water Project. **CHARGE:** 85.00/454-700.
- (p) Camden Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,845.00 for supplies. **CHARGE:** 96.00/446-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Fund).
- (q) Camden Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,600.00 for supplies. **CHARGE:** 96.00/446-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Fund).
- (r) Sunrise Energy, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$2,338.00 and Mid-Range in the amount not to exceed \$750.00 for the purchase and installation of two (2) video cameras and audio system in the Police Department's interview and interrogation room. **CHARGE:** 49.00/410-740 (U.S. Justice Department Capital Grant Fund) in the amount of \$2,070.85; and **CHARGE:** 81.00/489-000 (Miscellaneous Expenditures) in the amount of \$1,017.15.
- (s) A & S Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$2,300.00 for playground mulch. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-240 (Park Development Fund).

- (t) Approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$708,427.34 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 5/31/16. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000 (Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund).
- (u) Interstate Pipe and Supply Company in the amount of \$567.00 for supplies (Low Volume Roads Project). **CHARGE:** 96.00/446-000.
- (v) Interstate Pipe and Supply Company in the amount of \$1,940.63 for supplies (Low Volume Roads Project). **CHARGE:** 96.00/446-000.
- (w) Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C. in the amount of \$3,626.00 for professional services. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310 (Solicitor/Professional Services).
- (x) El Grande in the amount of \$15,181.60 for the Dunn Avenue Sidewalk #3 Payment (Final). **CHARGE:** 96.00/454-000.
- (y) North Central Highway Safety in the amount of \$9,772.67 for Reimbursement #5 of 2016. **CHARGE:** 90.00/489-000 (NCHS Grant).
- (z) Pennsylvania Correctional Industries in the amount of \$1,489.00 for the Dunn Avenue Sign (Sidewalk Project). **CHARGE:** 96.00/454-000.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to appoint Patti Chappel to the position of BP and Mercantile Clerk in the Treasurer's Office effective June 13, 2016, at the hourly rate of \$9.80/hr (per PSSU contract) and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve payment to North Strabane Township in the amount of \$16,425.00 for the use of their commercial building inspectors for the City's commercial projects. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240 (Code Enforcement Operating Expenses).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the request of William D. Phillips to consolidate tax parcel number: 720-004-00-0017-00 and 720-004-00-00-0018-00 as of tax year 2017.

The above tax parcels are not currently on the tax list. By combining the two parcels, this will put the parcels back on the tax list.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve the Use by Right Application for O'Reilly Auto Parts on the northeast corner of Jefferson Avenue and Oakland Avenue, pending the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning to approve the Conditional Use Application for WTB Housing LP, for the Washington Trust Building Rehabilitation South Main and East Beau Street conversion of floors 2-10 in Annex Tower to accommodate 24, 1 bedroom units and construction of a maximum 74 car 2 level parking structure on site of existing WTB Garage, with the condition that their garage not be open to the public.

Councilwoman Monda Williams	- No
Councilwoman Tracie Graham	- Yes
Councilman Ken Westcott	- Yes
Councilman Joe Manning	- Yes
Mayor Scott Putnam	- Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the Subdivision Application for Blake Kingston 213-215 South Wade Avenue pending approval by the Zoning Hearing Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution appointing Ryan King, City Treasurer (replacing the former Treasurer, Dennis Adams) as the delegate on the Washington County Tax Collection Committee and Mayor Scott Putnam as the alternate.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve payment to Sigecom in the amount of \$27,521.23 for Game Well/Fire Alarm Boxes. **CHARGE:** 01.33/411-376 (Fire Alarm Maintenance).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve payment to Travelers in the amount of \$2,759.20 for the insurance payment of Jan V. Ondra. **CHARGE:** 01.60/486-350.

(Jack Cambest, City Solicitor, stated this is an ongoing lawsuit between Mr. Ondra and the City of Washington).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the agreements between the City of Washington and the Washington School District, Washington Youth Baseball, and Twist Softball Program for the use of the City of Washington's baseball/softball fields.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to continue the current Health/Dental/Rx plans currently in place for the 2016–2017 plan year.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to retain Millennium Administrators, Inc., as the plan administrators for the 2016–2017 health insurance plan year.

Councilman Manning stated that Items #13 and #14 save the City's taxpayers more than \$11,000.00 annually. Millennium does a great job! The new policy will start on July 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve payment to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington in the amount of \$40,808.02 for the Farmers Market Pavilion — City Match. **CHARGE:** 96.00/454-000 (Marcellus Shale).

The above amount is the City's portion of the payment, which was promised to the Redevelopment Authority by the previous Mayor (Brenda Davis) in the amount of \$50,000.00 (the Redevelopment Authority only needs \$40,000.00. There is money in the LSA account to cover the cost).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve payment to McElroy Paving Company in the amount of \$139,655.31 for Payment No. 3 for the Tennis Court Project (to be paid by the RACP loan from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority).

Councilman Westcott stated that this project would be completed by the end of week. Mayor Putnam stated that the negative CO was reflected in Payment No. 3.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve CO #1 from McElroy Paving Company (Contractor) for the Washington Park Tennis Courts and Paving project in the amount of (\$2598.10). With CO#1 the final contract price for the project will be \$295,068.75.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to enter into a lease agreement with Hughes Xerographic – Xerox for the lease of a 5945APT Workcentre 5945. Monthly lease payment \$258.56 with a \$15.00 minimum Maintenance Payment for a 60 month lease term.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to enter into a Borrow and/or Waste agreement with Barano Construction to deliver excavated materials from the South Main Street Phase III project to be delivered to the Washington Park Mustang Field Waste Site.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to enter into an office space lease agreement with Baianco Construction for weekly construction meetings at the rate of \$75.00 per week.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve payment to the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$100.00, a non-refundable application fee for the 2016 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP) application. **CHARGE:** 01.14/406-240 (Grant Administration).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 5 of 2016 to request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant.

Resolution No. 5 of 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, hereby requests a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant of \$212,500.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Washington Park Pond Trail and Access Project.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the Civil Service list for the City of Washington Police Captain Eligibility List.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to accept and approve the Civil Service list for the City of Washington Police Corporal Eligibility List.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to promote Steve Robertson to the rank of Captain, effective June 10, 2016, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Mayor Putnam stated that Steve Robertson has been acting Captain since January 2016, and wished Steve good luck in his new position.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to promote Jack Hancock to the rank of Corporal, effective June 10, 2016, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Elected Officials:

1. Councilwoman Monda Williams – ARC Human Services cleaned up 14 blighted areas and they have 5 more on the list to complete.
2. Councilwoman Tracie Graham – Nothing to report.
3. Councilman Ken Westcott – Congratulations to Steve and Jack on their new positions. Thank you to the Civil Service Board for their time and effort. It's greatly appreciated. Walnut/Highland Avenues will be closed to traffic in order to pave the roads. Burton Avenue will be done on Wednesday, June 8th.
4. Councilman Joe Manning – Congratulations to Officers Robertson and Hancock on their new positions. Thank you to the Civil Service Board for taking the time out of their busy schedules to help with the Civil Service tests.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to enter into an agreement with Next Era Energy as the City's electricity provider. This will save the taxpayers approximately \$27,000.00 annually.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to enter into an agreement with Champion as the City's electricity provider. This will save the taxpayers approximately \$1,700.00 annually.

5. Mayor Scott Putnam – A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to enter into a Residential LERTA for the property at 1286 Allison Avenue (parcel number: 770-037-00-04-0015-00).

Again, congratulations to Steve and Jack on their new positions. Thank you to Captain Waters and the Board (Mr. Robinson and Mr. Durham) for putting in their personal time to help with the Civil Service testing.

The Civil Service Board (Captain Waters, Mr. Durham, Mr. Robinson) thanked the officers for a job well done on the Civil Service test. The test was an extensive one and they did a great job and good luck in their new positions.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to recommend Mayor Putnam to the Washington County Commissioners as

the City's representative for a five (5) year term on the Washington County Transportation Authority Board (Mayor Putnam's term expired at the end of May 2016. The Mayor is eligible for re-appointment).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to authorize the purchase of two (2) Scheidt & Bachmann fare boxes at a total cost of \$37,930.00 using federal transit funds. (This request is being made in the event that the federal funds for the purchase of this item are required to be awarded as a grant to the City, pending FTA approval of the Washington County Transportation Authority as a grant recipient).

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to appoint Councilman Westcott and Councilwoman Williams to the Joint Planning Commission Board.

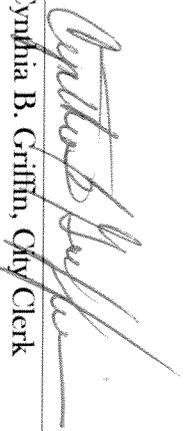
The next regular meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, July 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The City will advertise in the date change of July's Meeting in the Observer Reporter.

The Washington City Building will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016, in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor



Cynthia B. Griffin, City Clerk