CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
July 7, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

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

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 June 9, 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. Dean Gartland, from the City Mission, thanked the Mayor and Council and residents of the community for their support after the devastating fire at the City Mission last year.

2. City Police Chief Wilson – The City does not have to advertise an ordinance for stop signs at the intersections of Donnan and Hallam. An ordinance already exists for four-way stop signs at this intersection. Currently, there are only two stop signs posted. Two additional signs will be put up to comply with this ordinance.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

(a) The Washington-East Washington Joint Authority in the amount of $3,375.00 for dye tests completed in the month of June. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240 (Code Enforcement).
(b) Joanna Pagliarvlo in the amount of $243.00 for a duplicate payment of her 2016 Solid Waste bill, due to a property sale. **CHARGE:** 20.00/364-603.

(c) Traffic Control in the amount of $1,383.25 for payment of a light pole. **CHARGE:** 75.00/482-000 (Insurance Claim Fund).
(d) David P. Hvizdos, Esq., in the amount of $225.00 for a refund of a dye test, due to the sale of the property being denied. **CHARGE:** 01.00/361-652.
(e) Waterway in the amount of $3,250.82 for hose testing. **CHARGE**: 01.33/411-370 (Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs).
(f) Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies in the amount of $1,383.25 for repairs to signal at Main & Chestnut Streets needed due to a traffic accident. (Insurance company reimbursed us for this loss). **CHARGE:** 75.00/482-000 (Insurance Claim Fund-Judgements & Losses).
(g) Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C. in the amount of $2,680.00 for professional services. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310 (Solicitor/Professional Services).
(h) Widmer Engineering in the amount of $2,175.00 for the tennis courts. This is for approval only (this will be paid by RACP Loan – RAWC).
(i) Widmer Engineering in the amount of $5,225.00 for the Colt Field Stormwater No. 2 (final payment) (LSA). This is for approval only (RAWC will pay directly).
(j) Widmer Engineering in the amount of $4,775.00 for the Colt Field Stormwater No. 1 (LSA). This is for approval only (RAWC will pay directly).
(k) Widmer Engineering in the amount of $1,620.00 for May items. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
(l) Widmer Engineering in the amount of $3,180.00 for the 2016 Stormwater Inlet Program. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
(m) Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor for Payment #7 (Final) for the Washington Park Pond Project in the amount of $43,107.80. **CHARGE:** 66.00/446-310 (Catfish Creek).
(n) McElroy Paving Company for payment #4 (final payment) for the RACP Tennis Court Project in the amount of $60,194.94 (this will be paid by RACP loan - by RAWC).
(o) Approve Change Order #2 submitted by McElroy Paving Company in the amount of $12,423.00 for the Tennis Court Projects. CO#2 is included with Payment #4.
(p) Robert C. Burns Company in the amount of $10,543.50 for inlet repairs on Laurel Avenue and emergency repairs on W. Maiden Street. **CHARGE:** 96.00/446-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact).
(q) Approve the transfer of $16,425.00 from the General Fund's prior year balance **ACCOUNT:** 01.00/290-000 to Code Enforcement **ACCOUNT:** 01.34/413-240 (Operating Expenses).
(r) Approve transfer of $10,776.95 from **ACCOUNT:** 85.00/100-000 (LSA Funds) to **ACCOUNT:** 66.00/100-000 (Catfish Creek).

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to authorize the Civil Service testing for Police Lieutenant and Sergeant.

Mayor Putnam – All officers interested in being the Lieutenant or Sergeant must take the Civil Service test, in order to comply with the 3rd Class City Code.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the Subdivision application for R. West Holdings, LP, at 425 E. Maiden Street.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the application for the new site plan for the City Mission at 84 W. Wheeling Street and office location at 58-62 W. Wheeling Street.

Mayor Putnam – Thank you, Mr. Gartland and your team, for your perseverance in moving the new site plan for the City Mission to completion.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to enter into an agreement with Skelly and Loy Engineering to complete Phase I and Phase II – MS4 Permit Application Compliance Assistance in the amount of $20,950.00. **CHARGE:** 96.00/446-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact).

Councilman Manning – I would like to commend Lynn Galluze on negotiating a manageable fee for this service for the City of Washington.

Councilman Westcott – MS4 is a state requirement and this is something that we cannot do inhouse.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County to administer LSA grant funds for the Phase III Streetscape project.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County to administer LSA grant funds for the Phase III Traffic Signal project.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve make a contribution to World Series Tournaments, Inc., in the amount of $2,000.00 for the 2016 Pony League World Series. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541 (Civic & Military Celebrations).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution for the installation of banners for the Pony World Series.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve to approve the renewal of the commercial insurance policy with Engle Hambright and Davies retroactive to July 6, 2016, and effective until July 6, 2017, at an annual premium cost of $146,524.00.

Councilman Manning – The residents of the City of Washington should know that this administration saved the City a tremendous amount of money. The rate for the insurance policy stated flat, even the rate went up by 5%. This is a healthcare savings of approximately $11,000.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to go into an Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for a discussion regarding the construction project (Phase III) on South Main Street. Councilman Westcott will oversee the project.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to end the Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Elected Officials:

Councilwoman Monda Williams – There was a horrendous fire in the 300 block of Grove Street on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. There were no injuries.

Councilwoman Tracie Graham – A motion was made by Councilwoman Graham, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to allow Pony to put up a retaining wall near the press box on the Pony field.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Nothing to report.

Councilman Joe Manning – Please come out to the Whiskey Rebellion Festival on Main Street on Thursday, July 7th, through Sunday, July 10, 2016.

Mayor Scott Putnam – The City was awarded a $100,000.00 DCED grant. The money will be used to continue to upgrade the Washington Park. Thank you to the officials in Harrisburg.

The next regular meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

Cynthia B. Griffin, City Clerk