

**February 7, 2023**

Council of the City of Wheeling met, on the above date, at 5:30 pm, at 1500 Chapline St. with Mayor Elliott presiding.

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Elliott, Thalman, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate - 6  
Absent: Palmer - 1

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of January 17, 2023, meeting be approved as received. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Elliott commends Melissa Adams for her work on Life Hub and progress to end Homelessness.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Delbert presented a Notice of Application to Operate a Private Club for Osiris Shrine located at 91 Kruger St. Application was forwarded to WVABCA without comment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Amending and Reenacting Article 169- Human Rights Commission

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 169 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to exit the regular order of business to allow public comment. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Darryl Clausell and Owens Brown spoke in favor of adoption. John Gebhard and Julia Chaplin spoke against adoption.

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to resume regular order of business. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate - 6  
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

CT Consultants Yearly Flow Monitoring- WPCD

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO EXTEND THE SERVICE OF CT CONSULTANTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING FLOW MONITORING, DATA MANAGEMENT, EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IN ACCORD WITH THE CITY'S PHASE II STATUS & PHASE III WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved that the ordinance be adopted.

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The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate - 6  
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Dell Technologies- Police Department Mobile Data and Drone PC- COPS

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,094.49 WITH DELL TECHNOLOGIES, OF ROUND ROCK, TX FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT MOBILE DATA TERMINALS AND DRONE PC TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE AND TO BE REIMBURSED BY FY 2022 COPS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, "WHEELING LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM"

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate - 6  
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler, that the following: Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes 10/6/22, Human Rights Commission Minutes 12/6/22, Hall of Fame Minutes 12/13/22, Centre Market Commission Minutes 12/6/22, which were held over be accepted as received.

**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Thorngate reminds of Ward 5 meeting. Mr. Thalman asks for any assistance for residence in North Park and damage done by Frontier. Ms. Ketchum asks for pest control as park of the next demolition contract.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to accept Development Committee Minutes 1/17/23 and Finance Committee Minutes 1/17/23 as received. Motion carried all in favor. For the record they are as follows:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
January 17, 2023

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5:15 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Palmer, Vice Chair Thorngate, and Member Thalman. Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilors Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, City Manager Robert Herron, City Clerk Brenda J Delbert, and Finance Director Seth McIntyre

December 2022 Financial Statement:

Mr. Herron reviewed the financial statement for December 2022. We are 50% through the FY, 50% of revenues, and 49% expenditures. Mr. Herron indicated B&O revenue for construction is down. Revenues are up to LY for sales and severance tax. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, move to accept the Financial Statement as presented and forward to Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

ARPA Request- Vigilant Firehouse- \$50,000:

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Mr. Chuck Wood is present to propose request for Vigilant Firehouse Transformation. Proposal if for bookstore and coffee shop. Mr. Palmer indicates he would like to review remaining ARPA funds before delegating more. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to table the request. Motion carried. All in favor.

ARPA Request- Friends of Wheeling- \$200,000:

Jeanne Finstein, Friends of Wheeling, is present to review proposal for 722-724 Main St. Ms. Finstein indicated the project is in a Qualified Census Tract. Friends of Wheeling has applied and received the façade grant. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to table the request. Motion carried. All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Palmer, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:20 p.m.

#### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

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The Development Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:45 p.m. Committee members present: Mayor Elliott, Vice Chair Thalman, and Member Thorngate. Others present: Councilors Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, and Palmer, City Manager Herron, City Clerk Brenda Delbert, and media.

The following matters were discussed:

##### Clay School Proposal- Tipping Point:

Betsy Sweeny, Wheeling Heritage, presented proposal for comprehensive analysis study for Clay School Project. The study will determine financial feasibility of stacking incentives to restore building versus demolition and rebuild. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to approve, and forward to City Council. Motion carried. All in favor.

##### Warwood Historic District SHPO Nomination:

Betsy Sweeny, Wheeling Heritage, gave history of Warwood neighborhood. there was a state SHPO grant received in 2019 to begin survey process. There is incomplete date to move forward to the nomination phase, and financial assistance is needed to complete application. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to approve, and forward to City Council. Motion carried. All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Time: 5:10 p.m.

#### **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron gives updates on Police Headquarters hopeful by end of the month there building will be occupied. Fire Headquarters project is on scheduled to be completed on time. Parking Garage is on schedule and there will be a 20-hour concrete pour next week. Mr. Herron announces City Clerk Delbert has accepted the position of Building and Planning Director.

#### **REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, moved to hold over: Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes 1/5/23, GWSEA Minutes 12/20/22, Financial Statement December 2022 until the following meeting. Motion carried all in favor.

#### **ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

##### Tipping Point- Clay School Proposal

The following was then read:

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TIPPING POINT TO PROVIDE CLAY SCHOOL CONCEPTUAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$27,100 TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND

Aster Oil Field Services- Demolition Contract 4- ARPA

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,200.00 WITH ASTER OILFIELD SERVICES, OF BELLAIRE, OH FOR ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION, TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

Regional Economic Development- Solar Panels at Stone Center- TIFF Bond

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,255 WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED), OF WHEELING, WV FOR STONE CENTER ROOF SOLAR PANELS TO BE CHARGED TO 2022 TIF BONDS

Traffic Rule- No Parking Zone- Lane B

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING CREATING NO PARKING ZONE ON LANE B FROM NUTEL AVENUE TO CLIFTON AVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET

Traffic Rule- Combat Wounded Parking Zone- 3 Meters

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO ESTABLISH COMBAT WOUNDED PARKING ZONES AT METERS 1514 ON CHAPLINE ST, 42 ON 16TH ST, AND 23 ON WATER ST

Resolution- Warwood Historic District

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE WV SHPO OFFICE TO COMPLETE NECESSARY WORK FOR WARWOOD HISTORICAL NOMINATION AND PROVIDE GAP FUNDING

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate - 6  
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution- Outdoor Dining Grant- Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation

The following was then read:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, TO AUTHORIZE, DIRECT AND EMPOWER THE OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND

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PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR AN OUTDOOR DINING  
GRANT FOR, WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA  
CORPORATION, 1400 MAIN STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$20,000

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate	- 5
NOES: Seidler	-1

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

**THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Julia Chaplin spoke against solar panels for the Stone Center.

Virginia Shelhammer, spoke against water shut off notices.

Carlee Dittmar, spoke against event held at the Highlands.

Susie Downing spoke in favor of acceptance and differences of opinions.

There being no further business, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 6:15 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor