

July 5, 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, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
Absent: -0

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of June 21, 2023 meeting be accepted as received. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott mentioned an upcoming resolution to be on City Council Agenda for July 18th, 2023 to approve moving Council meeting on August 1st 2023 to Oglebay Park due to council members and city staff attending the WV Municipal League annual conference.

Mayor Elliott congratulated City staff and Wheeling Symphony on a fantastic Fourth of July fireworks display. Mayor Elliott reminded of State of the City address on July 25th and ribbon cutting for new Wheeling Police Headquarters on July 12th beginning at 4pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CT Consultants- Splash Pads Wesbanco and Warwood- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,000 WITH CT CONSULTANTS, OF MENTOR, OH, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WESBANCO AND WARWOOD SPLASH PADS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -5

NOES: Palmer, Seidler -2

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

Savage Construction- Wesbanco Splash Pad- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$348,500.00 WITH SAVAGE CONSTURCTION CO. INC., OF WHEELING, WV, FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR WESBANCO SPLASH PAD TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: Palmer -1

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

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Savage Construction- Warwood Splash Pad- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359,622.00 WITH SAVAGE CONSTURCTION CO. INC., OF WHEELING, WV, FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR WARWOOD SPLASH PAD TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Ms.Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Thalman moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Thorngate	-3
NOES: Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer	-4

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

YWCA- ARPA Request

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF WHEELING, WV INC. (YWCA) REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 FOR BUILDING AND FACILITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF SUCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S ARPA ALLOCATION TO YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATON OF WHEELING, WV INC. (YWCA) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer	-7
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 Ms. Ketchum that the following: Financial Report May 2023 and Human Rights Commission 5-10-23 which were held over be accepted as received.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Palmer asked for requests for next Finance Committee be sent to him as soon as possible with what the request is for and how it will be funded.

Mr. Seidler congratulated Symphony and city staff on the fourth of July fireworks show. Mr. Seidler voiced his support to get Life Hub ARPA request on the next finance agenda for the amount of \$200,000. Mr. Seidler thanked and advocated for the work being done by Homeless Liaison Melissa Adams.

Ms. Ketchum congratulated Wheeling for being ranked #33 best family friendly places to live by Fortune Magazine. Ms. Ketchum shared information about the new plastic tokens being used for OVRTA, bus transportation. Ms. Ketchum also stated her Centre market office hours will be held on July 11th at 11am.

Mr. Sklavounakis also congratulated the city on being ranked by Fortune magazine. Mr. Sklavounakis requested there be another Life Hub special meeting to discuss, funding and resources with other organizations before moving request ARPA request to council.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to accept Finance Committee Minutes dated June 21, 2023, as received. For the Record they are as follows:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
June 21, 2023**

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Palmer, Vice Chair Thorngate, and Member Thalman. Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilors Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Seidler City Manager Robert Herron, Assistant City Manager Bill Lanham, City Solicitor Rosemary Humway-Warmuth, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, members of the public and press.

May 2023 Financial Statement:

Mr. Herron presented the May 2023 Financial Statement and progress of end of Fiscal Year reports. No issues or questions regarding the statement from the committee. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, move to accept the Financial Statement as presented and forward to Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

ARPA Requests: Mr. Palmer introduced the following list of ARPA funding requests. The following allocations were requested for particular matters however no motions or seconds were made to move to council on the following, Centre Market, Mobile Stage, Ambulance.

Wesbanco Splash Pad, Warwood Splash Pad, Engineering Splash Pads-Mr. Palmer introduced the funding requests for the engineering services and splash pad construction costs, Wesbanco Splash Pad for \$348,500, Warwood Splash Pad \$359,622 and Engineering Services with CT consultants for \$66,000. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding specifics of splash pads, operations and maintenance. These requests were previously moved to City Council, however Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to approve move to Council. Motion Carried. Request for Victorian Home Program, discussion of the funding source for the Victorian Home Program which was \$500,000 was previously committed by council. Request for Trucks and Loader in the amount of \$ 525,000 was discussed. Mr. Palmer stated the trucks are much needed upgrades for our operations department. Mr. Herron confirmed vehicles are in need of repairs, when new vehicles are purchased, older ones will be swapped out and auctioned. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate motioned to send to Council for approval. Motion carried. Request for YWCA request from Ms. Lori Jones with the YWCA for \$250,000 was presented. Ms. Jones explained that the money is needed to cover costs for building improvements. Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to approve sending to Council. Motion carried. Request for Plaza Playground in the amount of \$201,071 for the Market Street Playground structure to be built behind the Vineyard Church located behind their building on 1000 Main Street. The playground is necessary as dictated by state regulations for Childcare services. Pastor Chris Figaretti from the Vineyard Church was present to answer questions. A lengthy discussion ensued; all agreed child care facilities are a much-needed resource within our city. Mr. Thalman motioned; Mr. Thorngate seconded to send the request for the playground at Market Plaza to City Council. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:18 p.m.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron followed up on Mayor Elliott's remarks around the ribbon cutting and open house at the new Wheeling Police Department headquarters, Mr. Herron stated there will be guided tours given in groups of ten on July 12th from 5-8pm.

Mr. Herron stated at the next Finance Committee meeting year end reports will be available to discuss Fiscal Year end cash carryover and allocation. Mr. Palmer asked that Mr. Herron also have pay raise requests available to discuss at the Finance meeting to be held July 18th at 4:45pm.

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ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Community Development Block Grant Agreement

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,140,498.00 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

HOME Grant Agreement EY 2023

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$385,214.00 FOR 2023 EY HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to consolidate readings of the following ordinances pertaining to CDBG EY Public Services 2023, All in favor. Motion Carried.

Seeing Hand Association CDBG EY Public Services 2023

Soup Kitchen CDBG EY Public Services 2023

Family Services CDBG EY Public Services 2023

Wheeling Health Right CDBG EY Public Services 2023

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND EXPEND FUNDS WITH THE FOLLOWING TO BE CHARGED TO CDBG 2023 END YEAR PUBLIC SERVICES:
SEEING HAND ASSOCIATION NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500
SOUP KITCHEN NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000
FAMILY SERVICES OF THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500
WHEELING HEALTH RIGHT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000

Odor Contract- Vapor Cannon- WPCD

Mr. Thalman motion, seconded by Mr. Thorngate for two readings to expediate. All in favor, motion carried. The following was then read by title;

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,900 WITH PRECISION ODOR CONTROL OF HINCKLEY OH FOR THE PURCHASE OF ODOR CONTRACT (VAPOR CANNON) TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
NOES: -0

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

Dezurik INC- Warwood Lift Station Plug Valve Cylinder Rebuild and Valve- WPCB

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,224 WITH DEZURIK INC. OF CANNONSBURG PA FOR WARWOOD LIFT STATION PLUG VALVE CYLINDER REBUILD, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOND FUND

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Market Plaza Playground- Vineyard Church-ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE VINEYARD CHURCH OF WHEELING WV REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$201,071 FOR PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO OPERATE A CHILDCARE FACILITY IN DOWNTOWN WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF SUCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S ARPA ALLOCATION TO THE VINEYARD CHURCH OF WHEELING WV AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

Resolution Payroll Expenses Reimbursement Public Health and Safety Employees

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TRUCKS AND LOADERS FOR THE CITY OPERATIONS AND SANITATION DEPARTMENTS.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7

NOES: -0

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

Resolution Trucks and Loader Operations- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION ON THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING ITSELF FOR PAYROLL EXPENSES OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EMPLOYEES INCURRED AFTER MARCH 3 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2024

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7

NOES: -0

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

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Ms. Jeanne Finstein spoke, proposing ARPA funds for the Friends of Wheeling 722-724 Main Street project.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 5:58 pm.