

July 18, 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, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -6
Absent: Sklavounakis -1

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of July 5, 2023 meeting be accepted as received. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott remarked on a busy, yet exciting day the city had with a visit from current United States Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. Sec. Buttigieg was here to discuss the current streetscape project and a federal grant called the RAISE Grant that was awarded for \$16.9 million dollars.

Mayor Elliott reminded about his last State of the City Address on July 25th. Mayor Elliott also congratulated Wesbanco Arena and Ms. Kelly Tucker for the announcements of upcoming big events for the city, including the WV Miners Arena Football Team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: -0

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

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.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: -0

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

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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 EXCEEDS \$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

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: -0

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

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.

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

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The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: -0

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

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Thalman remarked on the Market Plaza playground ordinance passing, congratulated the Vineyard Church and Council, stated it will be wonderful for our city, as childcare is much needed. Ms. Ketchum congratulated Wheeling Parks and Recreation's mentoring grant they received \$72,000 for the "game changers" mentoring program that will benefit the Nelson Jordan Center. Ms. Ketchum stated the Arts and Cultural Festival will now be held at 11 am on August 5th at Wheeling Park. Ms. Ketchum congratulated Ms. Amanda Carney on her mural work in South Wheeling. The East Wheeling Crime Watch will be August 7th and South Wheeling Preservation Alliance meeting will be July 25th.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to accept Finance Committee Minutes dated July 5, 2023, as received. For the Record they are as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

July 5, 2023

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5:00 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, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, and members of the public and press.

Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:01pm the following list for ARPA funding was presented and opened for discussion. Each item was discussed on its own merit as follows:

Mobile Stage

Mr. Palmer presented the request for \$150,000 and expressed the need for a mobile stage for artists performing within the city at various locations. Mr. Sklavounakis and Mayor Elliott agreed sounds good in theory but would like to see renderings of what the stage would look like. Other concerns included the labor and difficulty of taking apart and rebuilding the stage. Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to table the Mobile Stage request until more information can be provided. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Ambulance

Mr. Palmer asked Chief Jim Blazier of the Wheeling Fire Department to explain the request and need for a new ambulance. Chief Blazier explained that due to delivery and building schedules it will take 2-3 years to receive a new ambulance, the fire department is in need of a new ambulance to respond to the numerous calls they receive for EMT services daily. All committee members agreed, an ambulance is needed, Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to forward the ARPA request for \$350,00 to council. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Centre Market

A discussion began regarding the upgrades for Centre Market which would include restrooms, lights and security. Ms. Ketchum voiced her support for this request stating last upgrades to the Centre Market were done in the late 1980's and are desperately needed. Ms. Ketchum stated although the original request for 1 million of ARPA funding would have covered all the upgrades, the current request for \$500,000 would still enable many improvements to be made to the Centre Market. Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to table Centre Market's ARPA request until next finance meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr.

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Thorngate, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:28 p.m.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron stated the TIF funds for 1400 Market Street project is moving along nicely, funding was used for building stabilization and asbestos abatement. The project although a little behind is coming along nicely.

Mr. Herron congratulated the WPD on a successful ribbon cutting, thanked and appreciated the 225-250 citizens who came to tour, thanked all supervisors for helping make open house a success. The new WFD is still on schedule completion will be by the end of this year, roof within next few weeks.

Mr. Herron updated on the Market Street parking structure when complete it will be 16 ft higher than Chris Miller furniture building, brick façade will be coming and be dressed up completion should be end of this year.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to hold over the Planning Commission Minutes from 5-8-23. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Wheeling Fire Department- Electrical Upgrades- Yahn Electric- City Service Fee **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,500 YAHN ELECTRIC COMPANY INC. OF WHEELING WV FOR WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTRICAL UPGRADES TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

Wheeling Fire Department- Heat and Air Upgrades Wheeling Heat- City Service Fee **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,390 TO WHEELING HEATING AND COOLING INC OF MARTINS FERRY OH FOR WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADES TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

Emergency Demolition-116 14th Street-EDGCO Inc- ARPA **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000.00 WITH EDGCO, INC., OF LANSING, OH FOR EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 116 14TH STREET TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

Wheeling Police Department- Dodge Chargers- Shorkey Auto Group- General Fund **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,693.50 WITH JIM SHORKEY AUTO GROUP OF IRWIN, PA, FOR FIVE 2023 DODGE CHARGERS POLICE PACKAGE TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND

Glessner Wharton, Andrews Insurance- Cyber Insurance-General Fund-Water-WPCD

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The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,125.92 WITH GLESSNER WHARTON & ANDREWS INSURANCE LLC OF WHEELING, WV, FOR CYBER INSURANCE TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$16,151.25 TO GENERAL FUND, \$3,761.75 TO WATER AND \$2,212.92 TO WPCD

Resolution- Wheeling Fire Department Ambulance—General Fund
The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE USE OF GENERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN AMBULANCE FOR THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -6
NOES: -0

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

Resolution – Relocation of City Council Meeting- August 1st 2023
The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE RELOCATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 1ST 2023 TO OGLEBAY PARK WILSON LODGE

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Sean Duffy and Ms. Sally Beatty both spoke in support of renaming the field at Garden Park in Warwood to the “Chuck Howley Field at Garden Park”.

Ms. Connie Cain spoke to congratulate council on the work they have accomplished thus far and asked for more support of East Wheeling.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:02 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor