

**February 6, 2024**

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

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Elliott, Ketchum, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thalman, Thorngate -7  
Absent: -0

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of January 16, 2024 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Elliott remarked on the announcement that the popular music group The Beach Boys will be coming to perform at the Capitol Theatre. Mayor Elliott congratulated Jon-Erik Gilot, Dean Connors, Charles Julian and Terry Williamson on being honored as West Virginia History Heroes by the WV Department of Art, Culture and History. Mayor Elliott recognized Robert and Elizabeth Strong for their reopening and success of the Smart Centre now located at 1401 Main Street.

Mayor Elliott nominated Alishah Hardway to the Hall of Fame Board, she will fill the unexpired term of Rev. Willits to expire June 30, 2025. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to accept Ms. Hardway's nomination. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Bus Levy-May Election 2024**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, JULY 1, 2025, JULY 1, 2026, AND JULY 1, 2027, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF WHEELING'S SHARE OF FUNDING FOR ANY DEFICIT OF OPERATING COSTS AND THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR THE SAME PERIOD FOR A SYSTEM OF URBAN MASS TRANSIT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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

**GM Baker & Son rehabilitate Well 5& Well 6- Water**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,900 GM BAKER & SON, OF COLUMBUS, OH FOR REHABILITATION OF WELL 5 AND WELL 6 TO BE CHARGED TO WATER 400- 4012.04.0636.01

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, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -7  
NOES: -0

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

**Ford Office Technology- Centre Market Security System- ARPA**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,077.34 TO THE FORD OFFICE TECHNOLOGY OF CONNELLSVILLE, PA FOR CENTRE MARKET SECURITY SYSTEM TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

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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, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -7  
NOES: -0

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

### REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Palmer requested City Solicitor Ms. Rosemary Humway-Warmuth to explain regulations of campaign signs for Municipal Elections. Ms. Humway-Warmuth stated that signs can not be in city Right of Ways and intersections, if signs are placed in unauthorized locations city employees will remove the signs and hold them at the Operations Department for seven to ten days. Signs are generally permitted up to thirty days before an election and for thirty days after to remove signs, Article 1359 of the city's Codified Ordinances may be referenced for any additional clarification.

Mr. Seidler thanked the Operations department for cleaning up an incident of vandalism on Wheeling Island. Mr. Seidler stressed the importance of the link between the island with the city through the Suspension Bridge. He asked for better communication and transparency from state officials regarding the bridge. Mr. Seidler also thanked Catholic Charities for their work addressing the homeless population.

Ms. Ketchum reminded of the Comprehensive plan community meeting scheduled for February 12, 2024 beginning at 7pm at West Virginia Northern Community College, this is the first of four community meetings where input is sought to build the city's ten-year comprehensive plan. Ms. Ketchum invited the community to a Bike Wheeling meeting at Waterfront Hall beginning at 6pm on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to discuss solutions to the Hempfield Tunnel closure. Ms. Ketchum also requested follow up on the Recreation Commission and the Youth City Council.

Mr. Sklavounakis echoed the importance of community turn out for the Comprehensive Plan meetings, if unable to attend he urged community members to reach out to their respective councilor.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to accept the Finance Committee Minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron reminded the Comprehensive Plan is required by state code for municipalities to complete every ten years. Paving contracts are out to bid, bids for three playgrounds, 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Elm Terrace, and Clator will be going out to bid February 27<sup>th</sup>. Centre Wheeling Parking Garage will be dismantled beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>, materials from garage will be grinded down and reused at a location on 19<sup>th</sup> street to raise property out of floodplain. Mr. Sklavounakis requested a timeline for completion of playgrounds, Mr. Herron stated playgrounds should be completed before summer. Mr. Seidler asked for DOH cleanup of Zane Street and Front Street ramps. Mr. Seidler also asked for a temporary scaffolding or sub structure to reopen the Hempfield Tunnel property. Ms. Ketchum also asked for temporary solutions for reopening of tunnel. Mr. Thorngate asked that the community be updated of street closures during ongoing demolition of OVMC and Centre Wheeling Parking structures. Mayor Elliott addressed the DOH decision to close the suspension bridge to vehicular traffic indefinitely and asked Mr. Herron to reach out for assistance and transparency with state officials concerning the Suspension Bridge.

### REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Sklavounakis seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved to hold over the Traffic Commission Minutes from December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

#### **Property Liens 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Eoff Street**

#### **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING FIXING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST OF RAZING A DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE AND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING

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**Dump Truck- Water Distribution- Vehicle Replacement Fund**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,655.89 WITH HILL INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LLC., OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 HV 607 DUMP TRUCK FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION TO BE CHARGED TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND

**AmChar Wholesale Inc. – Wheeling Police Department**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,687.00 WITH AMCHAR WHOLESALE INC., OF ROCHESTER, NY FOR GLOCK PISTOLS BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$24,343.50 TO REGULAR RCIP AND \$24,343.50 TO ASSET FORFEITURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACCOUNT

Mr. Palmer motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate for a second read to expediate payment. All in favor, motion carried.

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, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -7

NOES: -0

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

**Wheeling Police Department Table of Organization**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – ARTICLE 133, ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING BY AMENDING SECTION 133.12, TABLE OF ORGANIZATION.

**Filmtec Corporation- Filter Modules Water Treatment Plant**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$557,000.00 WITH FILMTEC CORPORATION, OF EDINA, MN FOR FILTER MODULES FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO BE CHARGED TO MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT CD 400.1128.08.00

**Resolution Clean up and Remediation 58 19<sup>th</sup> Street**

**The following was then read by title:**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION OF 58 19TH STREET PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: -0

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

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:07 pm

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City Clerk

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Mayor