

March 5, 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: Ketchum, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thalman, Thorngate -6
Absent: Elliott -1

Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum that the minutes of February 20, 2024 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Vice Mayor Thalman congratulated Kelly Tucker and other members of the community for the big weekend of events, including the Drop Kick Murphys and Almost Queen performances at the Capitol Theatre and Wesbanco Arena the events helped bring more patrons to downtown businesses. Vice Mayor Thalman noted that the Mountain East Conference, MEC Basketball tournament begins Wednesday and ends Sunday at Wesbanco Arena with Wheeling University and West Liberty University both participating and encouraged all to come downtown and support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024 Flow Meter Operations and Maintenance Water Pollution Control

The following was then read by title:

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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

Carl Walker Construction-Intermodal Garage 5- year Repair and Maintenance Plan

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$584,852 WITH CARL WALKER CONSTRUCTION INC. OF PITTSBURGH, PA FOR INTERMODAL PARKING GARAGE FIVE YEAR REPAIR AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN TO BE CHARGED TO PARKING R&R

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: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6
NOES: -0

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

Carl Walker Construction- 10th Street Garage- 5- year Repair and Maintenance Plan
The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,000 WITH CARL WALKER CONSTRUCTION INC. OF PITTSBURGH, PA FOR 10TH STREET PARKING GARAGE FIVE YEAR REPAIR AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$181,000 TO PARKING R&R AND \$161,000 TO REGULAR RCIP

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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

OVADC Transfer- TIF District Economic Development- 2022 TIF BOND
The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 TO OHIO VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (OVADC) FOR TIF DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES TO BE CHARGED TO 2022 TIF BOND FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to exit the regular order of business to allow for public comment before reading of the Hempfield Tunnel Rehabilitation ordinance. All in favor. Motion Carried. Ms. Julia Chaplin of Wheeling, WV signed up to speak. Ms. Chaplin asked for council to vote against the rehabilitation citing the tunnel is unsafe and funding should be spent elsewhere. With no others wishing to speak, Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to resume regular order of business, All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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National Gunitite- Hempfield Tunnel Rehabilitation- Project Fund

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,000 TO NATIONAL GUNITITE OF JOHNSTOWN PA FOR REHABILITATION OF THE HEMPFIELD TUNNEL TO BE CHARGED TO THE PROJECT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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 noted the Kruger Street bridge will shut down for repairs beginning March 11th, then once completed the Monument Bridge will close for repairs.

Mr. Sklavounakis informed of a public hearing on Monday March 11, with the Planning Commission over a special permit being requested to install a cell phone tower in Ward 4 near Springhill Suites and Augusta Levy Learning Center. Mr. Sklavounakis also commented the city is still working with local agencies to find another area for the Homeless encampment.

Ms. Ketchum noted the closing of Chaplin Street as demolition of OVMC continues. Ms. Ketchum congratulated the owner of Euphoric Doughnuts on their upcoming grand opening, and congratulated Frank O'Brien for winning the Excellence in Tourism award from WV Hospitality and Travel Association.

Mr. Seidler announced Ward 2 clean up dates and locations as follows, April 12 for Fulton at the former Dog Pound on Industrial Dr & Peninsula St., Wheeling Island, Belle Isle May 10th and May 4th will be North Wheeling bottom of 5th Street.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Seidler moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to accept the minutes from the Finance Committee from February 20th, 2024 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis to accept the minutes from the Development Committee from February 20th, 2024 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Herron reported the Fire Headquarters project has hit its stride with work expected to be completed by end of July. Mr. Herron respectfully asked for two reads on original propositions #3 and #5, due to both being time sensitive contracts. Mr. Thalman asked City Manager for an update on city sidewalk and homeowner sidewalk program, Mr. Herron noted sidewalks are being reviewed by Precision and will be paid for out of the regular RCIP account, and working on a loan program for homeowner sidewalks. Ms. Ketchum asked for information on Suspension Bridge, City manager had no new information to report.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to hold over the minutes from the Greater Wheeling Sports and Entertainment Authority from January 30th, 2024 and the minutes from the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board from January 9th, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

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Traffic Rule-Two-hour parking- West Side Water Street

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO ESTABLISH, FOR A SHORT TERM, A TWOHOUR PARKING ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF WATER STREET AND CREATE ONE WAY TRAFFIC FLOW GOING NORTH BOUND ON WATER STREET BETWEEN 12TH AND 14TH STREETS

Environmental Standards-56-58 19th Street-Project Fund

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,000.00 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS DBA MONTROSE OF WHEELING, WV, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SITE ASSESSMENT OF 56-58 19th STREET TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$115,000 TO WVDEP BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT AND \$31,000 TO THE PROJECT FUND

Cast&Baker- Street Resurfacing-General fund

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$630,585.00 WITH CAST AND BAKER OF CANONSBURG PA, OH FOR STREET RESURFACING, TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis for a second read due to the resurfacing contract being time sensitive. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Urban Design Ventures LLC-CDBG-Home and Five-Year Plan

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH URBAN DESIGN VENTURES, LLC, OF HOMESTEAD, PA, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CDBG/HOME PROGRAMS AND FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

O'Brien's Companies-Sandblasting City Pools-ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000 WITH O'BRIEN'S COMPANIES, OF WHEELING, WV, FOR SANDBLASTING OF CITY POOLS, TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

Mr. Seidler moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate for a second read of ordinance due to the resurfacing contract being time sensitive. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

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The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Property Lien- 315 S York 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.

Savage Construction- 36th Street, Clator, Elm Terrace Playgrounds-ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,850 WITH SAVAGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, OF WHEELING, WV FOR 36th STREET, CLATOR AND ELM TERRACE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

Ms. Ketchum moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler for a second read of ordinance due to the contract being time sensitive. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to consolidate the readings of the following Facade Resolutions. All in Favor. Motion Carried

RESOLUTION- FAÇADE LOANS 102- Carmel Road- Tanli Holdings LLC, 727-729 Market Street- Christopher Battie, 21 8th Street- Ken Sexton

The following was read by title:

RESOLUTIONS 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 PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR A DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR, TANLI HOLDINGS LLC, 102 CARMEL ROAD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000, CHRISTOPHER BATTIE, 727-729 MARKET STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 and 21 8th STREET, KEN SEXTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000

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

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The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

NOES: -0

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

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Ms. Carlee Dittmar of Wheeling, WV concerns of the Homeless Encampments and the Life Hub.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:08pm

City Clerk

Mayor