

May 7, 2024

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

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thalman, Thorngate, Palmer -6
Absent: Elliott -0

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Vice Mayor Thalman recommended seven members be appointed to the reinstated Recreation Commission, Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to appoint Annie Howell, Jillian Holloway, Matthew Schrebe, Matt Porter, Chip Calisse, Tanner Yoho, and Ben Bolock. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
Vice Mayor Thalman presented the “Wheeling Dog Day” proclamation to Wheeling Heritage Executive Director Scott Schenerlin in honor of Fido Fest being held May 18th at Wheeling Park. Vice Mayor Thalman presented a proclamation to Chief Shawn Schwertfeger in honor of “National Police Week” being held May 10-16th. Councilman Seidler presented a proclamation and a key to the city to Dr. Mike Linger honoring the House of the Carpenter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CT Consultants- Geotechnical Investigation-City Service Fee

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 WITH CT CONSULTANTS, OF WHEELING WV FOR GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

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.

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to exit regular business to allow for public comment. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Laura Albertini-Wegel (YWCA), Kathy Harrington (WVNCC) and Jill Eddy (YSS) submitted a proposal and requested a portion of Opioid Settlement funding.

Stephanie Joseph spoke on supporting agencies and programs with Opioid settlement funding. Holly Eckert also spoke on ensuring settlement money is given to proper agencies and programs.

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

Opioid Settlement Funding- Wheeling Police Department

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING WV AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE WV OPIOID SETTLEMENT

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FUNDS TO ASSIST THE WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to table and refer to the Public Safety Committee. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Opioid Settlement Funding- Wheeling Fire Department

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING WV AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE WV OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO ASSIST THE WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to table and refer to the Public Safety Committee. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Home Owner Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING REGARDING A PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD UTILIZE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF COLLATERAL TO ASSIST APPLICANTS SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A LOCAL BANKING INSITUTION IN THE FORM OF A LOAN TO THE APPLICANT TO AID RESIDENTS IN EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALK 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.

Northern Panhandle Conservation District FY 2025 Agreement

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500 WITH NORTHERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, OF MCMECHEN, WV, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FY 2025 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR WHEELING CREEK STRUCTURE, \$15,000 TO BE CHARGED TO CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS – N.P.S.C.D 4414.50.5006 AND \$1,500 TO COAL SEVERANCE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thorngate 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.

Black Bear Fence Company- Fence Grandview St. Water Department

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The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 WITH BLACK BEAR FENCE COMPANY, OF TRIADELPHIA, WV, FOR FENCE ON GRANDVIEW STREET, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER 400-4011.01.0636.01

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: 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.

Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to accept the Hall of Fame Minutes from March 12, 2024 and Traffic Commission Minutes from March 14th, 2024 which were held over, as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Sklavounakis shared appreciation to City staff for helping with a infrastructure issue in the Morningside area. Mr. Sklavounakis asked City Manager Herron on timeline for Valley View sewer projects and Gas company work, Mr. Herron stated while an inconvenience, much needed, the project should begin in July and take roughly thirty to forty- five days to complete.

Ms. Ketchum shared excitement for the reinstated Recreation Commission as a support system for Parks and Recreation department. Ms. Ketchum congratulated Ciarra Beaver and Cassandra Elliott on their work brining a safe haven baby box to Fire Station #5 on Wheeling Island. Ms. Ketchum asked for a process to be put in place to request opioid settlement funding.

Mr. Seidler asked for assistance in locating and repairing the docks from the Island marina. Mr. Seidler thanked city administration for moving quickly on the demolition project of the former Wheeling Inn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the Finance Committee Minutes from April 16, 2024 as received. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Herron stated the city will be receiving \$1.3 million in CBDG funding, which is a little less than prior years. Mr. Herron requested two reads on original proposition #7 for the demolition of the former Wheeling Inn structure as the WVDEP DLAP grant can be fast tracked for reimbursement.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to hold over the Planning Commission Minutes from March 11, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Traffic Rule- Handicap Meter #17

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO ESTABLISH HANDICAP PARKING AT METER 17 ON 15th STREET

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Adopting 2023 Replacement Pages, City Codified Ordinances

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING

Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department- Fee Revisions

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING REVISIONS TO WHEELING-OHIO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FEES FOR PERMITS AND ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

XYLEM- Emergency Flood Services-WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,840.00 TO XYLEM DEWATERING SOLUTIONS OF CHICAGO, IL FOR EMERGENCY FLOOD SERVICES TO BE CHARGED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

ERB Electric- Flood Repair Services-WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,707.84 WITH ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY OF WHEELING, WV, FOR FLOOD REPAIR SERVICES TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

Amending and Reenacting Article 1103- Littering

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 1103 OF THE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING HEALTH AND SANITATION CODE ENTITLED LITTERING TO AMEND §1103.18, §1103.99 AND ADDING §1103.19

Raze International Inc-Abatement and Demolition-WVDEP DLAP Grant

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,800.00 WITH RAZE INTERNATIONAL, INC., OF SHADYSIDE, OH FOR ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER WHEELING INN TO BE CHARGED TO THE WVDEP DLAP GRANT

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved for two readings to expediate demolition process. 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.

Amending and Reenacting Article 547-Tobacco Use Restrictions

The following was then read by title:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 547 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, ENTITLED TOBACCO USAGE RESTRICTIONS TO INCLUDE, E-CIGARETTE AND VAPOR (VAPE) PRODUCTS

OVADC-Transfer- 2022 TIF BOND FUND

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$790,000 TO OHIO VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (OVADC) FOR TIF DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES TO BE CHARGED TO 2022 TIF BOND FUND

US Army Corp Engineers-Elm Run Stormwater- RCIP

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PITTSBURGH DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,666.67 FOR LOCAL MATCH ELM RUN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT TO BE CHARGED TO RCIP

Cast & Baker Corporation- Valley View Sanitary Sewer-ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,649,905 TO CAST AND BAKER CORPORATION OF CANNONSBURG PA FOR VALLEY VIEW SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

James White Construction- Valley View-Storm Sewer-ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700,314 WITH JAMES WHITE CONSTRUCTION CO, OF WEIRTON, WV FOR VALLEY VIEW STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

Resolution- Joint Use Agreement American Legion Post 1

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN LEGION POST 1 FOR A PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED NEAR THE PATTERSON PLAYGROUND AND THE LEGION IN THE CITY OF WHEELING

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Thorngate seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved that the resolution 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 resolution adopted.

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THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Everette Gray spoke on his ideas to develop Tank Field located near North Park.
Bev Reed asked for a letter of support for the City of Martins Ferry, OH regarding contaminated water that could affect Wheeling Island.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis to adjourn. Time 7:02 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor

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