

# February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Assaro, Cain, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -6  
Absent: Seidler -1

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of January 21, 2025 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder recommended Spencer Porter and Melissa Marshall to the Arts and Cultural Commission, to serve six-year terms ending June 30, 2031 and Jesse Blount to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term to expire January 31, 2028. Ms. Cain seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the nominations. All in favor. Motion Carried. Mayor Magruder presented a proclamation to Melynda Sampson with the Ohio Valley United Way in honor of 211 day.

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to exit the regular order of business to conduct a public hearing regarding Article 903 Private Outdoor Designated Areas. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 5:37pm, nobody signed up to speak on the matter. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to resume regular order of business. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 5:37pm.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Amending and Reenacting- Article 903- Private Outdoor Designated Areas

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT PART NINE ENTITLED STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING BY CREATING A NEW SECTION IN ARTICLE 903 DESIGNATED AS SECTION 903.09 ENTITLED PRIVATE OUTDOOR DESIGNATED AREAS IN THE CITY OF WHEELING, WV

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, -6  
NOES: -0

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

### Stephenson Auto Center- WPCD Dodge Ram Pickup Truck- WPCD Vehicle Replacement Fund

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,612.00 WITH STEPHENSON AUTO CENTER OF DANVILLE WV FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCK TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -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. Thorngate asked Dino Figaretti to introduce himself as the newly appointed field representative for West Virginia Rep. Riley Moore.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Sklavounakis seconded, by Ms. Cain moved to accept the following committee minutes as received, Health and Recreation Minutes from January 21, 2025, Rules Committee Minutes from January 21, 2025 and Finance Committee Minutes from January 21, 2025. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron noted progress on the paving schedule, Mr. Palmer asked if there is flexibility to the schedule as winter weather continues to damage certain streets, Mr. Herron confirmed streets could be updated or added. Mr. Herron noted the Fire Department Headquarters is nearing completion, late spring early summer to move in. Water projects are on the horizon, with a rate analysis discussion scheduled and anticipates more discussion in early March- April.

### **REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Assaro moved to hold over the Hall of Fame Minutes from November 12, 2024, GWSEA Minutes from November 26, 2024 and Recreation Commission Minutes from November 21, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

#### **In-Synch- Support & Maintenance RMS-WPD**

#### **Communications Maintenance**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000 WITH INSYNCH SYSTEMS, OF ZELIENOPLE, PA FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BE CHARGED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE

#### **Breathing Air Svtms- Air System- WFD HQ- City Service Fee**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,226.60 WITH BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS OF REYNOLDSBURG, OH FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIR SYSTEM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

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**Witmer Inc. -Station 2 Fire Dept. Gear- CDBG**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,414.00 WITH WITMER INC., OF COATESVILLE, PA, FOR FIRE GEAR FOR STATION 2 TO BE CHARGED TO CDBG

**Verdantas Yearly Flow Monitoring Agreement- WPCD**

**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 VERDANTAS 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.

**Resolution- Clay School Demolition**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH THE DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER CLAY SCHOOL BUILDING WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMMUNITY/RECREATION CENTER IN THE EAST WHEELING NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CITY

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to adopt the resolution. The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -6

NOES: -0

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

**THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Carlee Dittmar of Wheeling, WV spoke on the homeless camp.

Lashawnda Saunders of Wheeling, WV spoke on informants and fraud.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved to adjourn. Time: 5:55pm