

**March 19, 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, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thalman, Thorngate -6  
Absent: Palmer -1

Mr. Seidler moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis that the minutes of March 5, 2024 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Elliott recommended reappointment of Denis Wilson to the Wheeling Housing Authority Board with term ending December 31,2028. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to accept the reappointment. All in favor. Motion Carried. Mayor Elliott recommended the appointment of Natalie Hamilton to the Wheeling Housing Authority Board for a six-year term to end December 31, 2029. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to accept the appointment, All in favor. Motion Carried. Mayor Elliott presented a proclamation to the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate team, congratulating on their forty-fourth consecutive state championship win. Mayor Elliott presented a proclamation to the Wheeling Park High School Girls Varsity Basketball team on their state championship win. Mayor Elliot noted spring clean ups provide by Ohio County Solid Waste Authority begins this week, schedule can be found online and in the office of the City Clerk.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Zalenski presented a notice of application to operate a Private Club at 2207 Market Street-Wheeling Noods Ramen Bar-Christopher Burress. Notice submitted to WVABCA without comment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to exit regular business to allow public comment. All in favor. Motion Carried. Ms. Susie Downing of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition of one-way traffic flow on Water Street. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to resume regular business. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**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

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Thalman moved to amend the ordinance to allow for two-hour parking on the west side of Water Street and eliminate the meter parking on the East Side of Water Street to allow a two-way traffic flow. All in favor, Motion Carried. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved that the ordinance be adopted as amended.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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

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**Environmental Standards-56-58 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> STREET TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$115,000 TO WVDEP BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT AND \$31,000 TO THE PROJECT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Elliott -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.

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: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Elliott -6

NOES: -0

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

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**Savage Construction- 36<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> STREET, CLATOR AND ELM TERRACE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the Greater Wheeling Sports and Entertainment Authority Minutes from January 30,2024 and the Hall of Fame board minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 which were held over, as received. All in favor. Motion Carried

**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Sklavounakis thanked the WV Treasurer's office for helping assist with unclaimed funds within the city and ward 4. Ms. Ketchum congratulated Woodfire Pizza on their grand opening at Waterfront Hall. Ms. Ketchum also announced a newly formed group called the Wheeling Creek Watershed group and encouraged any interested citizens to reach out to them on social media. Mr. Seidler thanked city administration for working so quickly to bring back the Love your Neighborhood program, applications are available online and in the office of the City Clerk. Mr. Seidler encouraged residents to come out to spring clean up days.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Herron explained the WVDOH has worked with the city to construct and widen the pipe along Main Street, to ensure storm water and waste water will no longer be combined. Paving of Main Street is still on track to be completed by June, and expressed urgency for the change order resolution so that the sewer work can be done now. Landscaping will be installed along Main Street beginning in April and will take roughly six weeks to complete. Mr. Herron announced the city has official received keys and access to the Army Reserve Center located in the Clator neighborhood, and thanked Assistant City Manager Bill Lanham for his dedication to the project. The building will be used for first responder's vehicles and will house the administrative offices for Fire Department until their new head quarters is complete. Mr. Herron respectfully asked for an executive session to discuss property acquisition.

**REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to hold over the minutes from the Traffic Commission from January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Hall of Fame Board Minutes from February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

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**JD&E Construction-Canopy Intermodal Parking Garage- R&R**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,190 WITH JD & E CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF WHEELING WV FOR CANOPY ON INTERMODAL PARKING GARAGE TO BE CHARGED TO R&R

**Traffic Rule- Junior Avenue Intersection**

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO CREATE A RIGHT TURN ONLY FROM THE BOTTOM OF JUNIOR AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION OF WV 88, JUNIOR AVENUE AND EAST COVE AVENUE

**Resolution Development/ Redevelopment 2207 Market Street**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING IDENTIFYING 2207 MARKET STREET AS A DEVELOPMENT OR A REDEVELOPMENT SITE.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**Resolution Love your Neighborhood**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO AUTHORIZE, DIRECT AND EMPOWER THE OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE CITY TO FACILITATE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD- MINI GRANT PROGRAM

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**Resolution FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE FY 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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

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NOES: -0

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

### **Resolution FY 2024-2024 Coal Severance Budget**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE FY 2024-2025 COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

### **Resolution Streetscape Change Order WVDOH**

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

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Ketchum, Thorngate, Seidler, Elliott, 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**

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to exit regular business and enter into an executive session to discuss property acquisition. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 6:13pm. Returned from session with no conclusions made. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to return to regular business. All in favor. Motion carried. Time 6:22pm

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:23pm

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City Clerk

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Mayor