

February 20, 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 February 6, 2024 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott noted he will be travelling to the White House next week to participate in Building a Better America, which will focus on making communities stronger in Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Property Liens 13th 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

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.

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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.

Ms. Ketchum moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to accept the Traffic Commission Minutes from December 14, 2023 which were held over as received.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Seidler thanked the Wheeling Police Department for their efforts specifically in Ward 2, North Wheeling and the Island, reducing the number of crimes and overdoses. Mr. Seidler reminded of the GOV alert app and 311 reports available on the city website that makes it easy to submit crime tips and other community concerns. Mr. Seidler also commented on the importance of the Vacant Property ordinance and the value it brings by fixing blight in our community.

Ms. Ketchum asked for a Rules Committee meeting to review the Vacant Property program and remarked that the program is used to encourage property owners to fix, not just to fine. Ms. Ketchum noted City Management and the Building and Planning Department are happy to come to solutions before having to resort to fines.

Ms. Ketchum also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts in fixing playgrounds in South Wheeling.

Mr. Sklavounakis also noted that a Rules Committee meeting may be called to discuss the Vacant Property program to see if any updates might need made, and encouraged property owners to communicate and work with City Staff.

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Mr. Thorngate asked Building and Planning Director Ms. Delbert for a list of all vacant properties both commercial and residential before next council meeting.

Mr. Palmer echoed fellow councilors that the purpose of the vacant property program is to get owners to invest but agreed a committee meeting would be in order to discuss further.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Herron noted the Fire Headquarter project is back on track and completion date should be late May to early June, and thanked the Fire Department for their dedication, management and patience to the project. Mr. Herron mentioned the WVDOH Streetscape project will be working on resurfacing of Main Street in June is on schedule, 9th and 10th street will see disruptions as underground work is completed Market Street storm sewer project is on track to be finished in March. Ms. Ketchum asked for an update on OVMC demolition, contract is on scheduled to be completed within the 14-month contract. Mr. Herron also noted the OVMC letters will be safely taken down and stored by the city after requests from the Friends of OVMC group, until a new spot is designated to relocate the historic letters. Mr. Seidler thanked City Management and staff on their prioritization of getting the Hempfield tunnel reopened. Mayor Elliott asked City Management for best practices moving forward with the Vacant Building program and asked residents and owners to be in communication and keep city staff informed of progress of these projects, Mr. Herron agreed a review of the program to make sure it is current would be a good idea.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

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.

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

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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

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

National Gunite- 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 GUNITE OF JOHNSTOWN PA FOR REHABILITATION OF THE HEMPFIELD TUNNEL TO BE CHARGED TO THE PROJECT FUND

Resolution Home4Good

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE AWARD AGREEMENT AS DIRECTED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK AS RELATING TO THE HOME4GOOD AWARD

The resolution was read by title Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Palmer, 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.

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Mr. Chuck Lee asked for support in getting lights installed in Garden Park in Warwood.

Mr. Kim Butler asked for assistance in funding for so the Aetnaville Bridge can be repaired to allow bicycle and foot traffic.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 5:54pm

City Clerk

Mayor