

March 20, 2025

Council of the City of Wheeling met, on the above date, at 12:15pm, at 1500 Chapline Street Wheeling, WV with Mayor Magruder presiding.

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Assaro, Cain, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7
Absent: -0

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of March 4, 2025 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder congratulated the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate team on their state championship win. Mayor Magruder recommended Nathan Greene be appointed as the City Finance Director. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to accept the recommendation. All in favor. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cincinnati Insurance Companies-Renewal Insurance

Intermodal

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,200.00 WITH THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANIES OF CINCINNATI OH FOR RENEWAL INSURANCE FOR THE INTERMODAL PARKING GARAGE TO BE CHARGED TO OVRTA PARKING GARAGE BUDGET

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

Northwood Health Systems Opioid Settlement Funds

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 NORTHWOOD HEALTH SYSTEMS IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Seidler 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, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

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Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the held over GWSEA Minutes from January 29, 2025, Recreation minutes from January 30, 2025 and Tree Board Minutes from January 8, 2025. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Assaro reminded of Ohio County Solid Waste Authority clean up event beginning tomorrow March 21st at 8am. Mr. Seidler thanked local organizations for cleaning up of exempted campsite. Mr. Seidler noted dates for cleanups, May 3rd Fulton, May 10th North Wheeling and May 17th Wheeling Island.

Ms. Cain noted the East Wheeling Cleanup is scheduled for April 11th.

Mr. Sklavounakis spoke on the WVML conference and quality of life in the city.

Mr. Thorngate echoed Mr. Sklavounakis' remarks regarding WVML conference.

Mr. Palmer reminded of clean up taking place on March 29th in Elm Grove. Mr. Palmer noted the Schilling bridge will be closed in Spring 2026 for repairs, the bridge is scheduled to be closed for approximately 18 months. Department of Highways is asking for comments regarding the bridge repairs to be submitted to the state by April 25th.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron noting paving contract bid opening is scheduled for April 9th, the plan is to have contractor start paving work in June. Gaewood sewer separation project will begin April 31st with some street closings on East Cove and Fernwood Avenue. Mr. Herron welcomed and congratulated new Finance Director Nathan Greene.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to hold over the Hall of Fame Board Minutes from February 11, 2025, Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes from February 11, 2025 and Traffic Commission Minutes from January 16, 2025. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

May Engineering Company LLC-Grandview Slip Repair

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000 WITH MAY ENGINEERING COMPANY LLC OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE OH FOR GRANDVIEW STREET SLIP REPAIR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BE CHARGED TO CDBG

Ferguson Waterworks Correlator- Water

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500.00 WITH FERGUSON WATERWORKS OF FAIRMONT WV FOR PURCHASE OF CORRELATOR FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION TO BE CHARGED TO WATER

Centrisys-Centrifuge Rental WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000 WITH CENTRISYS OF KENOSHA, WI FOR PURCHASE OF RENTAL SERVICES FOR CENTRIFUGE TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

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Amending & Reenacting Article 507 Dogs & Cats

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 507 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING ENTITLED DOGS AND CATS TO ADD §507.14 ENTITLED FEEDING OF FERAL, STRAY AND/OR UNDOMESTICATED CATS/FELINES

Amending & Reenacting Article 363- §363.09- Parking Limits

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 363 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING ENTITLED PARKING METERS TO AMEND §363.09 ENTITLED OVERTIME PARKING TO FURTHER CLARIFY PARKING LIMITS & OVERTIME PARKING VIOLATIONS

Property Lien- 20 Zane Street

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING FIXING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE FINES & COSTS FOR FAILURE TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO REMOVE ANY AND ALL DEBRIS, VEHICLES, ETC. ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OWNED BY MARK DOWNIE AND FURTHER PERMITTING THE CITY TO REMOVE HEALTH HAZARDS, ABATE THE NUISANCE AT THE PROPERTY AND DISPOSE OF SUCH VEHICLES, METAL DEBRIS, ETC. REMAINING ON THE PROPERTY & THEREAFTER PLACE A LIEN FOR SUCH RELATED REMOVAL COSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COURT ORDER

Stone Mile Group LLC- Lower Market House Restroom

Renovations-ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,225.00 TO STONEMILE GROUP LLC OF CANNONBURG PA FOR LOWER MARKET HOUSE RESTROOM RENOVATIONS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

Resolution 2025-2026 General Fund Budget

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE FY 2025-2026 COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET

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

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

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Resolution- 2025-2026 Coal Severance Budget

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE FY 2025-2026 COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET

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

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7

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

Mr. Everette Gray introduced himself to councilors and on projects for North Park.

Ms. Carlee Dittmar spoke on homelessness and proposal from Dr. Norman Wood.

Mr. Brian Swigert spoke on help for the homeless population.

Mr. Dolph Santorine spoke on the city email security system.

Ms. Susie Downing-spoke on unleashed dogs.

Mr. Howard Gamble spoke on behalf of the Ohio County Health Department, regarding ground feeding of cats and other animals.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved to adjourn. Time: 12:57 pm