

February 3, 2026

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, Magruder, Palmer, Sklavounakis, Thorngate	-6
Absent: Seidler	-1

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of January 20, 2026 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder reminded of the State of the City Address being held on February 10th at Wheeling Park White Palace. Mayor Magruder congratulated Councilman Thorngate for his effort making the WV 2026 State Hockey Championship held at Wesbanco Arena successful.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Clerk Zalenski noticed application to operate a private club for Los Bajitos Mexican Restaurant and Grill Wheeling, located at 26 Elm Terrace.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Traffic Rule- National Road- Two Hour Parking Zone

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO CREATE A TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE ON NATIONAL ROAD IN BETWEEN COAL AVENUE AND JUNIOR AVENUE BRIDGE
The ordinance was read a second time by title. There was no motion to lift from the table.

Traffic Rule- Bus Stop Relocation- National Rd. & Coal Avenue

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING RELOCATING THE BUS STOP ON NATIONAL ROAD ACROSS FROM JUNIOR AVENUE BRIDGE TO THE WEST CLOSER TO COAL AVENUE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. There was no motion to lift from the table.

Petticord & Son Exterior Painting Intermodal Parking Garage

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,935.00 TO PETTICORD & SON OF WHEELING WV FOR EXTERIOR STEEL AND METAL PAINTING OF THE INTERMODAL PARKING GARAGE TO BE CHARGED TO INTERMODAL R&R

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Assaro, Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Sklavounakis, Thorngate	-6
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NOES:	-0
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A majority of those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

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OVADC Economic Development- Reg RCIP and Project Fund

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415,000.00 TO OHIO VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (OVADC) FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$200,000.00 TO REGULAR RCIP AND \$215,000.00 TO PROJECT FUND

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

NOES: -0

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

Traffic Rule- Stop Signs- Hildreth Avenue and N. 15th Street

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO INSTALL TWO STOP SIGNS ON HILDRETH AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION OF N. 15TH STREET

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Traffic Rule- "Compact Car only" Meters 2135 & 2133 Market St.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO CREATE COMPACT CAR ONLY PARKING AT METERS #2135 AND #2133 ON MARKET STREET

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Perry & Associates FY 2025 Audit Services- General Fund

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,050.00 WITH PERRY & ASSOCIATES OF WHEELING, WV, FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025, TO BE ALLOCATED IN ACCORD WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT TO BE CHARGED TO THE GENERAL FUND, WATER DEPARTMENT, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION, AND PARKING

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Assaro, Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -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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Easter Seals- Opioid Funding

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 EASTER SEALS OF WHEELING WV FOR ITS HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM EXPANSION AND COORDINATION OF SUCH WITH MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO ASSIST IN THE TREATMENT OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN AFFECTED BY OPIOIDS IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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NOES:

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

Verdantas- Amendment No 4. And No. 5- 2025 Bond

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,872,220.00 WITH VERDANTAS OF WHEELING WV FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR SANITARY AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO 2025 BOND

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: Assaro, Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Sklavounakis, Thorngate

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NOES:

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

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the HELD OVER Traffic Commission Minutes from December 11, 2025 as received.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Assaro expressed thanks to our city employees, specifically our Operations, Sanitation and Water departments who have been working to clear the snow.

Ms. Cain reminded of the Downtown Business Crime Watch Meeting being held at police headquarters on February 4 beginning at 5:30.

Mr. Sklavounakis asked Chief Jim Blazier from the Fire Department give a quick announcement regarding how to prevent frozen pipes and reminded residents to call the Fire Department if they need any assistance.

Mr. Thorngate noted the success of the 2026 State Hockey Championship that hosted six high school teams, five middle school teams, bringing in 2,500 fans at WesBanco Arena over the weekend.

Mr. Palmer remarked on the tabled ordinances regarding the bus stop move in Elm Grove, stating he plans to work with business leaders and OVRTA for the best solution.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the Finance Committee Minutes from January 20, 2026 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried. For the record they are as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 20th, 2026

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5:15 p.m. Committee **Members present:** Chair Palmer, Member Sklavounakis **Members Absent:** Vice Chair Thorngate **Others present:** Councilors Cain and Seidler, Mayor Magruder, City Manager Robert Herron, Finance Director Nathan Greene, Clerk Zalenski and members of the public and press.

Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm the following was discussed:

December Financial Report

Mr. Herron presented the December Financial Report; he noted general fund is at \$964,00.00 and budget stabilization fund is up to \$5.53 million. Revenues after first six months of the fiscal year at 52.7% collected, ahead \$1.1 million to this time last year. Expenses at the half way point ate at 51.6% just 1.1% behind revenues. Overall healthy report so far into the fiscal year, January and February are large revenue months. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the December Financial Report as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #3

Mr. Herron and Director Greene explained the need for the budget revision. Funds are being allocated from one department to another to correct overspending. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to send budget revision #3 to City Council for final approval. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Audit Scoring

Mr. Herron and Director Greene presented Audit Scoring for the 25-26 Fiscal Years. Request for Proposals for auditing services was sent to 7 State approved firms. Out of the seven three firms presented proposals and were graded using the State Auditor's worksheet, based on the scoring, Mr. Greene recommended the use of Perry & Associates. Mr. Sklavounakis, moved seconded by Mr. Palmer to accept the recommendation of Perry & Associates and send to City Council for final approval. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Sklavounakis seconded by Mr. Palmer, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:21 pm.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager updated on Glenwood Road and Stackyard Road slips, noting FEMA is covering expenses due to it being a flood related event. Utility relocation will take a few weeks and will begin next week. Mr. Herron announced the city was awarded a Cybersecurity grant which will cover all \$230,000 in updates. Mr. Herron noticed council of the upcoming budget schedule. Mr. Herron noted congressional directed funding being approved and thanked Senator Capito and Representative Moore for their diligent work to secure the funding. Funding will be used for the Northern Parkway Improvements, Gateway Connector project and funding for Police Department and Wheeling Park Commission.

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ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,115.00 WITH KALKREUTH ROOFING & SHEET METAL, INC, OF WHEELING, WV FOR 36TH STREET AND BRIDGE PARK POOL ROOF REPLACEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO FY '25 CDBG

Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,915.00 WITH YAHN ELECTRIC COMPANY INC. OF WHEELING WV FOR EV CHARGERS AT INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND CENTRE MARKET TO BE CHARGED TO EECBG

Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,712.35 WITH GAMETIME OF CHARLOTTE, NC FOR MOZART PARK SHELTER AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT TO BE CHARGED TO PROJECT FUND

Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,190.00 WITH ATLAS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF YOUNGSTOWN OH FOR THE RENTAL OF TWO (2) TEMPORARY FRAC TANKS TO BE CHARGED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

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- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 129 15th STREET TO THE OHIO VALLEY ADC AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH DEEDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THIS CONVEYANCE

Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION OF 58 19TH STREET PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF

Ms. Cain, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to adopt the resolution. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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NOES:

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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

Carlee Dittmarr of Wheeling, WV spoke on concerns of the Life Hub.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to adjourn.

Time: 5:58 pm

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