

**January 20, 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: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis	-5
Absent: Assaro, Thorngate	-2

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis that the minutes of January 6th, 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 10<sup>th</sup> at Wheeling Park White Palace. Mayor Magruder proclaimed January 2026 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" and presented a proclamation to Stacy Gilson, Mayor Magruder presented the Wheeling Central Football team and Coach Mike Young with a proclamation honoring their State Championship win.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Spartan Fire Hydrants-Hydrant Upgrades-Water**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,105.00 WITH SPARTAN FIRE HYDRANTS OF SIMPSONVILLE, MD FOR FIRE HYDRANT UPGRADES TO BE CHARGED TO WATER

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, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis	-5
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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.

#### **Lane Abandonment- Elmwood Place Lots 16-21**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING VACATING AND ABANDONING THAT PORTION OF THE UNOPENED ALLEY DESIGNATED ON THE MAP OF ELMWOOD ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY SIDE OF LOTS 16 THROUGH 21 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ABANDONMENT.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis	-5
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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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**Atlas Environmental- Frac Tank Rental-WPCD**

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

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

NOES: -0

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

**City Depositories FY 2026**

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING TRUIST, UNITED BANK, COMMUNITY BANK, WESBANCO BANK, FIRST CHOICE AMERICA COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, CHASE BANK AND MAIN STREET BANK WHEELING, AS BANKS WITHIN THE CITY WHICH SHALL BE CITY DEPOSITORIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EACH SUCH DEPOSITORY WHICH SHALL FIX ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC MONEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 185 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

NOES: -0

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

**M&G Architects & Engineers- 14<sup>th</sup> Street Project- WVWDA Grant**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,000.00 WITH M&G ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS OF WHEELING, WV FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES RELATED TO THE 14TH STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE CHARGED TO WEST VIRGINIA WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT GRANT

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, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

NOES: -0

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

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**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. Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Sklavouankis, moved that the ordinance be tabled.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

NOES: -0

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

**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. Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Sklavouankis, moved that the ordinance be tabled.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

NOES: -0

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

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

City Manager updated on Clay School project, noting February 20<sup>th</sup> will be the bid opening for demolition contractor, demolition of the school will be paid in part by WV DEP grant. Mr. Herron noted the Wheeling Police Department released their 2025 statistics and congratulated on overall crime being down 34%. Mr. Herron also noted Wheeling Fire Department statistics seeing a small reduction in overall fires but record-breaking year for EMS calls. Mr. Herron noted tree removal at Heritage Port should begin next week weather depending.

**ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

**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

**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

**Traffic Rule- Stop Signs- Hildreth Avenue and N. 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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

**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

**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

**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

**Resolution- Cadillac Avenue Demolition- FEMA**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF WHEELING TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF WHEELING.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis

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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.

**Resolution Budget Revision #3 FY 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING BUDGET REVISION #3 TO THE FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis

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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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**Resolution- Amendment to Section 108 Loan**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WV, APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR A SECTION 108 LOAN AND DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHEELING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

NOES: -0

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

**Resolution Budget Revision #3 FY 2026**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE A CHANGE IN THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE VALLEY VIEW SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS SO THAT SUCH PROJECT COSTS WILL BE CHARGED TO 2021 BONDS

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Magruder, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis -5

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 Dittmarr of Wheeling, WV spoke on non-profit funding.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Sklavonakis, seconded by Mr. Palmer, moved to adjourn.

Time: 5:56 pm