

July 7, 2026

Council of the City of Wheeling met, on the above date, at 5:30 pm, at 1500 Chapline Street Wheeling, WV with Mayor Magruder presiding.

On roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: -0

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of June 15th, 2026 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder welcomed and congratulated the newly installed Bishop of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, the Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala. Mayor Magruder reminded of Party on the Plaza being held Saturday evening. Mayor Magruder thanked Rabbi Joshua Lief for accepting the role of chair of the newly formed Homeless Task Force. Mayor Magruder recommended Daniel Hughes and Diane Thompson to 3-year terms on the Tree Board and reappointment of Stuart Levy and Joyce Wolen to the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium and Rev. Ralph Dunkin and Unique Murphy to the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Sklavounakis seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to accept the nominations. All in favor. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Whiteside-Building and Planning Vehicles-Project Fund

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,564.00 WITH WHITESIDE OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2026 CHEVY TRAILBLAZERS FOR THE BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO BE CHARGED TO THE PROJECT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

Stephenson Equipment-Operations Dept. Backhoe- Project Fund

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,590.00 WITH STEPHENSON EQUIPMENT INC., OF HARRISBURG, PA FOR A JCB BACKHOE LOADER FOR OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT TO BE CHARGED TO THE 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, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer -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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Esmil Corp Dewatering Equipment- Water Bond

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$999,929.00 WITH ESMIL CORP OF MOGADORE, OH FOR PROCUREMENT OF DEWATERING EQUIPMENT FOR WATER POLLUTON CONTROL PLANT TO BE CHARGED TO 2025 WATER BOND

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, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer

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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.

Transfer Funds- Greater Wheeling Sports & Entertainment Authority

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00 FROM ARENA RCIP TO THE GREATER WHEELING SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY FOR USE IN SPORTS RELATED FACILITIES, PROJECTS, ANALYSIS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WHEELING

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

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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.

Ms. Cain, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the Hall of Fame Board Minutes from May 11, 2026 that were held over as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Palmer noted that he has been working with city and state officials to find solutions to the flooding issues effecting the Elm Grove area.

Mr. Assaro remarked he has connected with over 400 residents regarding the data center development and was very impressed by the organization and noted that overwhelmingly residents are opposed to the data center and are calling for action.

Mr. Seidler noted he has seen an increase in e-bike usage on walking trail and asked for more police enforcement in regards to their speeds.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the Finance Committee meeting minutes from June 15, 2026 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager noted that the City of Wheeling has submitted applications through Bel-O-Mar for state funding opportunities. City Manager noted that fiscal year ended strong with a \$592,000 cash carryover, and there was no need to withdrawal from budget stabilization fund which is sitting healthy with \$5.2 million. Mr. Thorngate inquired about progress at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Mr. Herron noted it reaching final stages and the ordinance approved earlier tonight to Esmil Corp. will include the last of the equipment needed for the dewatering and sludge removal and this will be a permanent solution to the smell.

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REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Assaro seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to HOLD over the Greater Wheeling Sports and Entertainment Authority Minutes from May 26, 2026. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Walter H. Drane Co- 2025 Codified Ordinances Replacement Pages

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING

Miller Pipeline- Water Service Retirements-Water

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,659.20 WITH MILLER PIPELINE LLC, OF INDIANAPOLIS, IN FOR RETIRING 208 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO BE CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT

Top Notch Landscaping & Supply LLC- Streetscape Maintenance- Reg. RCIP

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,000.00 WITH TOP NOTCH LANDSCAPING AND SUPPLY LLC OF WHEELING WV FOR STREETScape MAINTENANCE TO BE CHARGED TO REGULAR RCIP

USI Insurance-AMTrust-Excess Worker's Compensation Coverage

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,234.00 WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC, OF WHEELING, WV FOR EXCESS LIABILITY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICY TO BE CHARGED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

Zone Change- North Park Parcel 10-W30A-335

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS 10-W30A-335 IDENTIFIED AS 6.962 ACRE PARCEL OF NORTH PARK FROM R2 RESIDENTIAL TO R4 RESIDENTIAL

Glessner Wharton & Andrews Insurance- Cybersecurity Insurance

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,499.54 WITH GLESSNER WHARTON & ANDREWS INSURANCE LLC OF WHEELING, WV, FOR CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$11,004.67 TO GENERAL FUND, \$2,479.93 TO WATER AND \$2,014.94 TO WPCD

Those Wishing to be Heard

Kristy Ferguson of Wheeling, WV spoke on flooding in Elm Grove.
Jeanne Finstein of Wheeling, WV spoke on demolition and preservation.
Ellery McGregor of Wheeling, WV spoke on demolition and preservation.
Eric Heinowitz of Wheeling, WV spoke on demolition and preservation.
Steve Suhler of Wheeling, WV spoke on demolition and preservation.
Polly Barks of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Lindsey Edgington of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Sandy Cordlen of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Megan Ondeck of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Stephanie Heckathorn of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Nancy Bates of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Madolyn McGregor of Wheeling, WV spoke on demolition and preservation.
Johnny Haught of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Aidan Kosol of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.
Vincent DeGeorge of Wheeling, WV spoke regarding community input.
Sylvia Sacco of Wheeling, WV spoke in regards to issues on creek front property in Pleasanton.

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

Time: 6:26 pm

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