

August 11, 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, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate

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Absent:

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Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of July 21, 2026 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to exit regular order of business to hold a public hearing on 11 Florida Street. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 5:35pm

City Solicitor Rosemary Humway- Warmuth state the city's position on the property. The owner Mr. Robert Lawson was in attendance for the hearing. Mr. Chet Oldfield Code Official, Mr. Chris Helminski Sanitation Superintendent , and Police Chief Terry Walls all City of Wheeling employees reviewed various documents and photos to support the City Manager's recommendation to declare 11 Florida Street a public nuisance. City departments have received numerous complaints on the property in regards to dog feces, litter, and police calls to the property.

Mr. Robert Lawson spoke to his defense to have his property not be declared a public nuisance.

Mr. Joe Benson friend of Mr. Lawson stated he does help Mr. Lawson and that the property could be cleaned up.

Mr. Michael Monroe neighbor stated the conditions of 11 Florida Street are deteriorating and the constant smell of dog feces has greatly impacted his and other neighbors' quality of life.

Mr. Seidler moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the City Manager's recommendation to declare 11 Florida Street a public nuisance. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 6:01pm

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder congratulated all those involved with Grecian, Lebanese and Italian Festivals on their continued success. Mayor Magruder congratulated Councilman Palmer on his appointment to Treasurer of the West Virginia Municipal League. Mayor Magruder introduced Andrii Garanin of the Silicon Foundation and his attorney David Croft to give a report to council regarding their development plans for a Data Center at the former Centre Foundry site in Warwood.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Holloway noticed of an application to WVABCA for Dean's Omega located at 1414 Market Street and forwarded to ABCA without comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Samsara- Vehicle Monitoring-General Fund-Water-WPCD

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,216.00 WITH SAMSARA OF SAN FRANCISCO, CA FOR VEHICLE ALERTS AND MONITORING TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$1,224.00 TO BUILDING AND PLANNING, \$8,160.00 TO OPERATIONS, \$816.00 TO VEHICLE MAINTENACE \$2,244.00 TO SANITATION, \$1,020.00 TO PARKING AUTHORITY, \$3672.00 TO WPCD AND \$4,080.00 TO WATER

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Assaro 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

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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

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adopted.

Arnold- Fire Department Turn Out Gear-CSF

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,551.22 WITH ARNOLD FIRE EQUIPMENT LLC, OF HONEY BROOK, PA, FOR TURN OUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thorngate seconded by Mr. Palmer 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.

Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Thorngate motioned to allow public comment before voting on the following ordinance. All in favor. Motion Carried. Mr. Michael Borsuk presented the reasoning for the request for the no parking zone along Woodlawn Lane.

Traffic Rule-Woodlawn Lane-No Parking

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO EXTEND THE NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF WOODLAWN LANE TO PINE AVENUE

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: 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.

Traffic Rule- No Parking Zones ABC Streets- Valley View Avenue

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO EXTEND THE TIME OF DESIGNATED NO PARKING ZONES LOCATED ALONG THE INTERSECTIONS OF VALLEY VIEW AVENUE AND THE ABC STREETS TO BE 24 HOURS A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Assaro 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.

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to accept the Hall of Fame Board Minutes from June 9, 2026 and Traffic Commission minutes from May 14, 2026 that were held over as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Assaro noted legal complications regarding Data Centers.

Ms. Cain congratulated all those involved on a very successful Blues Festival.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved to accept the Development Committee Minutes and the Finance Committee Minutes from July 21st and the Special Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2026 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager noted the paving contractor has been delayed due to weather conditions. Mr. Herron noted the Centre Market roof replacement is almost complete and that the Clay School has been completely demolished and the site is ready for development.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Assaro seconded by Ms. Cain moved to HOLD over the Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes from June 4th, 2026. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Reclaim Company LLC- Demolition 14th Street Project-

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628,290.00 WITH RECLAIM COMPANY LLC OF FAIRMONT, WV FOR ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION FOR THE 14th STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE CHARGED TO WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Demolition Liens-Jacob Street and S. Wabash Street

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING FIXING THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF RAZING DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE AND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING.

Property Transfer- OVADC – 314 S York Street

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 SOUTH YORK 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-Change Order-Verdantas

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH VERDANTAS FOR FLOOD RELATED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ROADWAY SLIP PROJECTS

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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NOES:

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Those Wishing to be Heard

Polly Barks of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Emily Winiesdorffer of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Aidan Kosol of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Natalie Miniard of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Megan Ondeck of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Amanda McWhorter of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Vincent DeGeorge of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Edward Crum of Wheeling, WV spoke regarding the city's vacant building registration.

Andrew Mull of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Katelin Shriver of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

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

Time: 7:37pm

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