

August 18, 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

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Absent:

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Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of August 11, 2026 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder congratulated all those involved in a successful Mountaineer Brewfest at Heritage port this past weekend. Mayor Magruder recommended Tabatha Hawthorne to serve on the Recreation Board for three year term to expire June 30, 2029. Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the recommendation, Mr. Thorngate seconded, All in favor. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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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.

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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

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

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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 Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes from June 4th, 2026 that were held over as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Seidler noted and thanked the governor for his support and funding for the Gateway Center Project.

Ms. Cain noted to use caution and patience as street resurfacing begins across the city.

Mr. Sklavounakis remarked on all the support of the festivals at Heritage Port and throughout our community this summer.

Mr. Palmer reminded of Ward 6 Crime Watch on Wednesday August 19 at 5:30pm at the Elm Grove Civics.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Assaro moved to accept the Development Committee Minutes from August 11, 2026 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager commented and thanked Senator Capito for her support and funding allocation that will support the remaining renovations at fire stations. Mr. Herron noted the Junior Avenue Bridge will be closed beginning on September 8th until September 25th, expect traffic and delays, this is necessary to complete demolition of TCI building. Mr. Herron introduced AJ Smith of Verdantas, whom gave a presentation regarding solutions for the Elm Grove area, specifically the Elm Terrace Shopping plaza where tenants and residents have been experiencing flooding. Mr. Smith outlined potential short term and long-term plans. City Manager Herron presented municipal police and fire pension funding reports to Council and remarked on the success of the pension programs

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Traffic Rule-One Way Road- Lane 15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO CREATE A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW FROM EAST TO WEST ON LANE 15

Traffic Rule Crosswalks 15th and Eoff St

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO CREATE CROSSWALKS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 15th and EOFF STREETS

Traffic Rule- Speed Limit Reduction-Economy Street

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON ECONOMY STREET TO 15MPH

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Traffic Rule-3Way Stop- Crosswalks 12th & Water St

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO CREATE A 3-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT 12th STREET AND WATER STREET

Top Notch Landscaping and Supply-Gateway Park-Project Fund

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,500.00 WITH TOP NOTCH LANDSCAPING AND SUPPLY LLC OF WHEELING WV FOR HYDROSEEDING GATEWAY PARK TO BE CHARGED TO PROJECT FUND

JD&E Inc.-Existing Fire Stations Renovations-Congressionally Directed Spending Renovations Project

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,509,190.00 WITH JD & E CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF WHEELING WV FOR EXISTING FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS TO BE CHARGED TO FIRE STATION CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING RENOVATIONS PROJECT

Resolution-Highway Safety Program FY 2027

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WHEELING TO ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT RELATING TO MAINTAIN THE REGION 4 HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE NORTHERN PANHANDLE OF WEST VIRGINIA GRANT UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$473,400.00

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate 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

Jeanne Finstein of Wheeling, WV spoke on a successful Historic Preservation Project.

Lindsay Edginton of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

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

Katie Schwertfeger of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

Belinda Schmidt of Wheeling, WV spoke in opposition to data center development.

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

Aidan Kosol 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: 6:18pm