

## January 7th, 2025

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, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -6  
Absent: Seidler -0

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of December 17, 2024 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder wished everyone a happy new year. Mayor Magruder nominated Bitten Heine and Judi Hendrickson to the Arts and Cultural Commission for terms of six years to expire June 30, 2030, Earl Foreman to the Traffic Commission and Ben Carpenter, Polly Carr and Kim McCluskey to the Tree Board for terms of three years ending on June 30 2029. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to accept the nominations. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Mayor Magruder reminded of the State of the City address being held at the Wheeling Island Showroom on January 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Zalenski notified of Application to operate a Private Club, Rite Event Center at 83 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### ERB Electric- Replacement Flood Damaged Pole WPCD

##### The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,501.31 WITH ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY OF WHEELING, WV, FOR REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF FLOOD DAMAGED POWER POLE TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

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

NOES: -0

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

#### Comprehensive Plan- Wheeling Forward 2034

##### The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

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, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, 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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**Century Realty LLC- Market Street Garage- Renewal Agreement**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY REALTY LLC TO PROVIDE LEASING SERVICES FOR MARKET STREET PARKING GARAGE COMMERCIAL SPACES AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHEELING AND CENTURY REALTY LLC REGARDING THE MARKETING OF THE COMMERCIAL SPACE TO BE CREATED IN THE MARKET STREET PARKING STRUCTURE

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

**Verdantas- Engineering Services- WPCD- Reg. RCIP- FEMA**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF 418,000 WITH VERDANTAS OF WHEELING WV FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ROAD SLIP DAMAGES RELATED TO FLOOD EVENTS TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION AND REGULAR RCIP TO BE REIMBURSED BY FEMA

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

NOES: -0

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

**Aster- Abatement and Demolition Contract 8- WV DLAP Grant**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF 138,100.00 WITH ASTER OILFIELD SERVICES, OF BELLAIRE, OH FOR ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION, TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND TO BE REIMBURSED BY WV DEP DLAP 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, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -6

NOES: -0

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

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the Planning Commission Minutes from November 2, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Assaro thanked the Operations team for clearing roads during this week's winter storm. Mr. Thorngate asked Mayor Magruder if there is deadline to apply for Veteran Banner Program, Mayor confirmed there is no deadline and that interested parties may apply at anytime with banners going up close to Memorial Day and then safely stored after Veteran's Day.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the minutes from the Finance Committee minutes from December 17, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron distributed important dates scheduled for the upcoming Budget season, noting changes to the schedule are dependent on councilor's schedules. Mr. Herron respectfully asked for two readings on Original Proposition number two to expediate payment to Fire Force for Fire Department Equipment. Mr. Herron noted third floor City offices are still temporarily located on the first floor until end of January- mid February. Mr. Herron informed of paving lists being put together with bids being released on February 12<sup>th</sup> with mobilization happening approximately by May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is \$800,000 worth of funding and \$250,000 of CBDG funding that is designated to paving. Mr. Herron introduced Mr. Chris Freeman to speak on the \$20,000 donation in honor of Cole Bertol to the Robrecht Riverfront Park Project.

**REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

**ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

**Atlantic Emergency Solutions LLC-WFD-Station 2 Equipment-CDBG**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,331.02 TO ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FOR RESCUE EQUIPMENT FOR THE WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2 TO BE CHARGED TO CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDEMENTS

**Fire Force Inc.- SCBA Equipment- Fire Department-CDBG**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,999.66 TO FIRE FORCE INC OF COLUMBIANA OH FOR SCBA EQUIPMENT FOR THE WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2 AND HEADQUARTERS TO BE CHARGED TO CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDEMENTS

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Assaro moved for a second read of the ordinance to expediate payment. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, 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.

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**Contractors Connection LLC- Ops Excavator- Sales Tax RCIP**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,254.00 WITH CONTRACTORS CONNECTION LLC, OF WASHINGTON, PA FOR TAKEUCHI EXCAVATOR FOR OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT, TO BE CHARGED TO SALES TAX RCIP

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**Resolution-Donation-Robrecht Riverfront Park Project**

**The following was then read by title:**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A \$20,000 DONATION IN HONOR OF DOLE BERTOL FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE ROBRECHT RIVERFRONT PARK PROJECT

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, 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.

**THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Ms. Carlee Dittmar spoke on city council wards.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved to adjourn. Time: 6:02pm.