

## January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate -7  
Absent: -0

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of January 7, 2025 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder congratulated all those involved with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day walk and celebrations. Mayor Magruder thanked Dan and Debbie Joesph for their support to Easter Seals and for having the Raceboat Regatta in Wheeling for many years. Mayor Magruder reminded of the State of the City address next Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at noon, at the Wheeling Island Casino Showroom. Mayor Magruder presented a proclamation honoring the Wheeling University Women's Rugby team on their undefeated regular season and for winning the Division 1 National Championship.

### CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Zalenski notified of Applications to be sent to WVABCA to operate a Private Club for Beverly's LLC DBA Champs Café at 1 Virginia Street, and for American Legion Post 1 located at 45 Sycamore Avenue.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 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 STUCTURE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved that the ordinance be lifted from the table. All in favor, Motion carried. 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, Seidler -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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**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 AMENDMENTS

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, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

**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

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, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Palmer noted electrical poles near St. Vincents school, on Key Avenue need to be cleaned up so that YMCA can begin renovations.

Mr. Seidler asked city operations to support businesses located on Market Plaza by making sure street and sidewalks are clear of snow.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron noted the city will be receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Opioid settlement funds and introduced Chief of Police Shawn Schwertfeger to present crime statistics from last year and to discuss the grant received from the WV First Foundation. Chief Schwertfeger noted overall crimes were reduced in 2024 with overdoses and deaths related to overdoses drastically reduced. Chief noted the support from quick response teams and peer officers along with Crisis Intervention training has influenced the departments statistics.

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**Amending and Reenacting- Article 903- Private Outdoor**

**Designated Areas**

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT PART NINE ENTITLED STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING BY CREATING A NEW SECTION IN ARTICLE 903 DESIGNATED AS SECTION 903.09 ENTITLED PRIVATE OUTDOOR DESIGNATED AREAS IN THE CITY OF WHEELING, WV

**Stephenson Auto Center- WPCD Dodge Ram Pickup Truck-**

**WPCD Vehicle Replacement Fund**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,612.00 WITH STEPHENSON AUTO CENTER OF DANVILLE WV FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCK TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND

**Resolution- Patterson Playground**

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

Mayor Magruder yielded the floor to Councilman Palmer to read the resolution in entirety, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Palmer then read the resolution in entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING RENAMING THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AT PATTERSON BALLFIELD TO THE “PAT CARROLL PICKELBALL COURTS”

***WHEREAS***, the sport of Pickleball was basically unknown in 2010; and

***WHEREAS***, Pat Carroll brought forth the idea of having pickleball courts in Wheeling; and

***WHEREAS***, on April 19, 2011 the City of Wheeling by a Resolution of City of Council agreed to lease a tennis court at the Patterson Sports Complex to Pat Carroll; and

***WHEREAS***, Pat Carroll invested his own personal funds to create four pickleball courts at Patterson; and

***WHEREAS***, while Pickleball took some time to catch on in the Wheeling Area, Pat Carroll persisted on teaching young and old alike the game of pickleball; and

***WHEREAS***, in 2023 there was a 158% growth in the number of pickleball players since 2020 with an estimated 36 million Americans having played pickleball at least once in 2023;

***WHEREAS***, in recognizing the popularity of Pickleball in Wheeling, City Council on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 approved the funding for eight pickleball courts for the Patterson Sports Complex; and

***WHEREAS***, said Pickleball courts should be completed and ready for play in Spring of 2025; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the City of Wheeling is honored to name the new Pickleball courts at Patterson as the

***“Pat Carroll Pickleball Courts”***

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Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to adopt the resolution. The vote on the motion resulted as follows

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

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**

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

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