

March 4, 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, Seidler -7
Absent: -0

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of February 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder reminded of the Mountain East Conference beginning Wednesday of this week, extending through the weekend at Wesbanco arena. Mayor Magruder presented a proclamation honoring the Wheeling Park Highschool Varsity Hockey team on their state championship win. Mayor Magruder presented a proclamation honoring Olga Skvarka, Wheeling Resident for her 100th birthday.

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to exit the regular order of business to conduct a public hearing on Article 363 Parking Meters. All in favor. Motion Carried. No one showed up to speak on the matter. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to resume regular order of business. All in favor. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lane Abandonment- Mull Avenue

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VACATING AND ABANDONING A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PARTIALLY OPENED STREET NAMED MULL AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ABANDONMENT

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

Amending and Reenacting Article 363- Parking Meters

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 363 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING ENTITLED PARKING METERS TO PROVIDE FOR METER REMOVAL IN DESIGNATED AREAS AND CREATION OF REGULATED PARKING SPACES IN LIEU THEREOF

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

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adopted.

Motorola Solutions- Portable Radios- WV First Foundation

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,094.00 WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OF CORAOPOLIS, PA FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS TO BE CHARGED TO WV FIRST FOUNDATION GRANT

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: 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.

ERB Electric- C Deck Sump Pump Panels- WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,936.26 WITH ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY OF WHEELING, WV, FOR C DECK SUMP PUMP CONTROL PANELS TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

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

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the held over Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes from November 7, 2024 and the Arts & Cultural Minutes from January 22, 2025. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Palmer noted Elm Grove Crime Watch meeting on March 19th at 5:30pm at Elm Grove Civics, and cleanup happening out near the creek and Mill Acres beginning at 10am on March 29th.

Mr. Assaro noted of Glenwood Road closure March 6th-7th from 9am-5pm for work being done.

Mr. Seidler noted Fulton, North Wheeling, and Island cleanups will be later in March. Mr. Seidler noted enforcement of exempted homeless camp is in dire need of clean up.

Mr. Thorngate invited all to attend a fundraising event on March 6th at 6pm at the Alpha Tavern for Wheeling Park High school's Hockey team.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Sklavounakis seconded, by Ms. Cain moved to accept the Finance Committee Minutes from February 18, 2025, as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron informed the mobile stage construction is to be completed by middle of March, with use of the stage be able to begin in April. Mr. Herron noted progress on clay school and that interviews regarding demolition are to begin next week. Fire headquarters is scheduled for completion on April 18th. Mr. Herron echoed Councilman Assaro's remarks of Glennwood Road closure due to a road slip, from April 2024, flood damage.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Assaro moved to hold over the GWSEA Minutes from January 29, 2025, Recreation Commission Minutes from January 30, 2025, and Tree Board Minutes from January 8, 2025. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Cincinnati Insurance Companies-Renewal Insurance Intermodal

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,200.00 WITH THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANIES OF CINCINNATI OH FOR RENEWAL INSURANCE FOR THE INTERMODAL PARKING GARAGE TO BE CHARGED TO OVRTA PARKING GARAGE BUDGET

Northwood Health Systems Opioid Settlement Funds

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING WV AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE WV OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO ASSIST NORTHWOOD HEALTH SYSTEMS IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

Resolution ARPA Fund Reallocation-Demolition

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING REALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF DILAPDATED STRUCTURES

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Ms. Cain 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.

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to consolidate readings of Façade Resolutions. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution- Facades

The following was then read by title:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, TO AUTHORIZE, DIRECT AND EMPOWER THE OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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- CHIP DESMONE 1425, 1429,1433,1437 MARKET STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000
- MICHAEL HANEY 1817 WARWOOD AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,779.95
- TEN 69 LLC 1073 MAIN STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to adopt the resolutions. 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 resolutions adopted.

Resolution- March 18th, 2025 Date and Time Change

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE DATE AND TIME CHANGE OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY MARCH 18TH, 2025 TO THURSDAY MARCH 20TH AT 12:15pm

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Seidler 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

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to enter into an executive session to discuss personale matters. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 5:57pm. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved to resume regular order of business. All in favor. Motion Carried. Time 6:05pm. No decisions were made in executive session.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved to adjourn. Time: 6:06 pm