

## August 15, 2023

Council of the City of Wheeling met, on the above date, at 5:30 pm, at 1500 Chapline Street Wheeling, WV with Mayor Elliott presiding.

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Thorngate, Palmer, Sklavounakis -6  
Absent: Seidler -1

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of August 1, 2023 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott recommended Ms. Roanne Burech to the Hall of Fame Board to fill a term expiring June 30, 2025. Mr. Thalman moved; Mr. Thorngate seconded to approve the nomination. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Elliott recommended Ms. Unique Murphy to the Human Rights Commission with her term to expire June 30, 2026. Mr. Thalman moved; Mr. Thorngate seconded to approve the nomination. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Zalenski presented a notice of application for ABCA license for 1029 Mount DeChantal Rd. DHAC Foods Inc. Zocalo Mexican Restaurant. Forwarded to ABCA without comment.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **USI Insurance Services LLC- Workers Comp-Workers Compensation Fund** **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,451.48 WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC, OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, FOR EXCESS LIABILITY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICY TO BE CHARGED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Ketchum moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer -6  
NOES: -0

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

#### **James White Construction Co.- Bank Street Water Main Improvements-2021A Bonds** **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820,806.00 TO THE JAMES WHITE CONSTRUCTION CO. OF WEIRTON WV FOR BANK STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO 2021- A BONDS

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer -6  
NOES: -0

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

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**Bearcom- Police Vehicle Equipment- General Fund**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,676.35 WITH BEARCOM OF DALLAS, TX, FOR EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT POLICE VEHICLES TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer -6  
NOES: -0

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

**RED- MOU for WesBanco Arena Lodge Suite Project**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ANY AND ALL ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, OF WHEELING, WV, FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, REMODEL, RELOCATION OF THE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND THE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION OF A "LOGE SUITE" PROJECT TO ENHANCE THE WESBANCO ARENA FACILITY

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer seconded by Ms. Ketchum moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -6  
NOES: -0

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

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum that the Municipal Building Commission minutes from July 5, 2023, which were held over be accepted as received.

**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Sklavounakis congratulated City staff on the Vintage Car show that celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 5th at Heritage Port. Mr. Sklavounakis also congratulated Ms. Ketchum and the Arts and Cultural Commission on a tremendous festival, at Wheeling Park over the weekend, wonderful event that brought the community together.

Ms. Ketchum stated expectations were exceeded and thanked Arts and Cultural Commission members for the huge success of the festival. Ms. Ketchum invited all to the Ohio County Public Library on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon for artist Vondel Bell's mural unveiling, also South Wheeling Crime watch will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6pm. Ms. Ketchum also remarked on Waterfront Hall and how wonderful it is to see the progress to Water Street and the much-needed energy it brings to our city.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron stated prices for new fire truck were received and respectfully asked for two reads at the next council meeting to avoid price increase on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The fire truck was approved by council in a previous meeting in the amount of \$860,000 being charged to CDBG funds. West Virginia University Health Systems has begun the removal of three tanks on the OVMC campus. Construction on 12<sup>th</sup> Street archway has begun, should be completed within the next four weeks.

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Wesbanco Arena through R.E.D has received a \$650,000 federal spending allocation that will be used on security updates for the arena including, cameras, key fobs, alarms and magometers. General update regarding the Market Street bridge from WVDOH, engineer drawings for deck replacement are being reviewed, bid for construction should be put out in early fall with a completion of the project expected in spring. Update on Suspension Bridge construction that was supposed to be completed in July is behind schedule due to supply chain issues, hopefully will be completed by late fall. Mr. Thalman asked if a decision has been made to allow vehicles back on the suspension bridge, Mr. Herron stated he believes no vehicles will be allowed but no confirmed statements from WVDOH has been made. Ms. Ketchum asked for update on new fire department HQ and market street parking garage. Mr. Herron stated the Fire Department project is still on schedule for completion by end of December, tree topping ceremony was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, to signify structural components are complete. Market Street Garage is approximately 65% complete with work to increase over the next few months, with emergency generator to be delivered by mid-December. Mayor Elliott asked if there is a ceremony planned for Suspension bridge re opening, nothing schedule as of yet Mr. Herron stated. Mayor Elliot asked for update on Tunnel Greene bridge painting project, City Manager to review, color has been selected.

### **REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to hold over Wheeling Municipal Building Commission Minutes from July 21, 2023 and Traffic Commission minutes from May 16,2023 and July 15, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

#### **Electronic Payments- Water and Sewer Tariff** **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SERVICE FEE FOR CREDIT CARD AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BILLS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

#### **Evolve- Comprehensive Plan Update- CBDG** **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WITH EVOLVE OF PITTSBURGH PA FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 TO BE CHARGED TO CBDG

#### **Handicap Meter Parking #61 and #63 12<sup>th</sup> Street** **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO ESTABLISH HANDICAP PARKING AT METERS 61 AND 63 ON 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET

#### **West Virginia University Health Systems- Redevelopment- Project Fund** **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WV AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.00 TO WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS (WVUHS) FOR ECONOMIC RE-DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES OF THE FORMER OVMC SITE TO BE CHARGED TO PROJECT FUND

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**Loading Zone 129 18<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING TO  
ESTABLISH A LOADING ZONE IN FRONT OF 129 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Michael Borsuk spoke regarding the OVGH History group and their requests to preserve the history of the Ohio Valley Medical buildings.

Mayor Elliott requested to exit regular business to move into an executive session to discuss property acquisition. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate. All in favor. Motion Carried. Began 5:52pm, with no decisions made. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to resume normal business 6:21pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:22pm

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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