

## December 19, 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, Ketchum, Palmer, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thalman, Thorngate -7  
Absent: -0

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of December 5, 2023 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott wished all a Happy Holiday season. Mayor Elliott remarked on his tour of the Doris on Main apartment building on Main Street. The new building will help to serve our community by offering more housing. Mayor Elliott thanked City Manager and staff for putting together the assistance program for downtown businesses affected by the streetscape.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Duke's Root Control-Sewer Root Control- Water Pollution Control Division

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,966.40 WITH DUKES ROOT CONTROL OF ELGIN, IL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROOT CONTROL TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -7  
NOES: -0

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

#### Temple Child Care- ARPA funding request

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE TEMPLE CHILD CARE CENTER REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 FOR BUILDING AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF SUCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S ARPA ALLOCATION TO TEMPLE CHILD CARE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -7  
NOES: -0

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

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -7  
NOES: -0

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

**Transfer of funds OVADC-RCIP**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO OHIO VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (OVADC) FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES TO BE CHARGED TO RCIP

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -7  
NOES: -0

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

**SWN Land Lease**

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN OIL AND GAS LEASE WITH SWN PRODUCTION COMPANY LLC., FOR A PORTION OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -7  
NOES: -0

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

**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Ms. Ketchum remarked on the success of the Holiday at the Market event held in Centre Market on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ketchum also remarked on the need for all types of housing especially low income based. Mr. Seidler thanked the numerous non-profits that have assisted needy families this holiday season, specifically House of the Carpenter.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to accept the Development Committee Minutes from December 5, 2023 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron stated the WVDOH has accepted a bid for the re decking of the Market Street Bridge, work is expected to begin late January and finishing by late July/early August.

Mr. Herron congratulated Chief Fire Investigator Bernard "Buck" Davidson for winning the Chief Fire Investigator of the Year for West Virginia. Mr. Herron congratulated and thanked Dr. Shawn Posin on his retirement from being the Medical Director for the Wheeling Fire Department.

**REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

Ms. Ketchum moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to hold over the Historic Landmark Commission Minutes from September 7, 2023, Planning Commission Minutes from September 11, 2023 and Traffic Commission Minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

**Downtown Streetscape Project Small Retail Business B&O Tax Credit and Monetary Relief Program**

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

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AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A SHORT-TERM RELIEF PROGRAM ENTITLED "DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT TO PROVIDE SMALL RETAIL BUSINESS B&O TAX CREDITS AND MONETARY RELIEF FOR LOST REVENUE OF SMALL RETAIL BUSINESSES"

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 5:44pm

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City Clerk

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Mayor