

February 16, 2021

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

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Elliott, Thalman, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, and Palmer - 7
Absent: -0

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of February 16, 2021 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott appointments Elisa Hickman to the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to approve appointment. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DROP- Fire Department Pension

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM ("DROP") AS PROPOSED BY THE CITY AND AS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA PENSION OVERSIGHT BOARD

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

Omni- IT Upgrades- Finance Department- Project Fund

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,996.57 WITH OMNI STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGIES OF WHEELING, WV, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IT UPGRADES AND SERVICES FOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO BE CHARGED TO PROJECT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Safeware- Air Filtration Systems Police Department- BJA Grant

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,710.90 WITH SAFEWARE INC OF SANDSTON, VA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIR FILTRATION SYSTEMS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE CHARGED TO CESF GRANT BJA-2020-18553

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Environmental Standards- Site Assessment Activities- Project Fund

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS OF WHEELING, WV, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES TO BE CHARGED TO PROJECT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

CT Consultants- Change Order Additional Services- Water

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,000 WITH CT CONSULTANTS FOR AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS IN DOWNTOWN WHEELING TO BE CHARGED TO WATER BOND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Wheeling Park High School- Water Line Relocation Project- RCIP and Water

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UP TO 50% OF THE COST OF THE WHEELING PARK WATER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000 TO BE CHARGED TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND REGULAR RCIP AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED ON THE AREA GENERALLY NORTHWEST OF WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL ALONG PARK VIEW ROAD

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, Seidler, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer - 7
NOES: - 0

Creating a COVID-19 Small Retail Business B&O Tax Credit

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT PART SEVEN ENTITLED BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND TAXATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING BY CREATING A NEW SECTION IN ARTICLE 787 ENTITLED "PRIVILEGE TAX" DESIGNATED AS SECTION 787.57 ENTITLED "COVID 19 SMALL RETAIL BUSINESS B&O TAX CREDIT."

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved to accept the Development Committee Report 2/2/21 and Public Safety Committee Report 2/2/21 as received. Motion carried. All in favor. For the record they are as follows:

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT February 2, 2021

The Development Committee of Wheeling City Council met virtually on the above date at 11:15 a.m. Committee members present: Mayor Elliott, Vice Chair Thalman, and Member Thorngate. Others present: Councilors Ketchum, Seidler, Palmer, City Manager Robert Herron, City Solicitor Rosemary Humway-Warmuth, and City Clerk Brenda J. Delbert.

Lane Abandonment: Lane 25 between Jacob and Lane E:

Director of Building and Planning, Tom Connelly, presents request from Carnegie Green 39. The site plan has been approved through the Planning Commission and BZA. Mr. Connelly informed all agencies who would have a potential interest were informed and some neighbor objections were received and Mr. Connelly is working with neighbors for solutions. Staff is in support of the abandonment, there is a telephone pole that will not allow access to garages and vacant lot has been used. When lot is no longer vacant there will be only North and South access. Ms. Thalman moves, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to approve this request and forward to council. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Time: 11:27 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE February 2, 2021

The Public Safety Committee of Wheeling City Council met virtually on the above date at 11:30 a.m. Committee members present: Chair Seidler, Vice Chair Palmer, and Member Ketchum. Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilors Thalman, Thorngate and Sklavounakis, Police Chief Schwertfeger, City Solicitor Rose Humway-Warmuth, and City Clerk Brenda J. Delbert.

The following matters were discussed:

Discussion on levels of police staffing, availability of technology, and cost associated

Chief Schwertfeger presents we have two vacancies and 9 officers that are in various levels of training; thus, operating with 63 active officers. 73 is considered full staffed. Chief is recommending 83-85 officers; however, it is a large budget item. Chief does not believe the stats are alarming. Although there is an increase our overall violent crimes are very low. COVID has presented various challenges including, but not limited to, from being proactive, and limited unnecessary stops. Chief reacts to the worry about response times, he reiterates the calls are organized by priority. Mr. Seidler asks for discussion around how we can curb the drug overdoses and addiction. We do have crime but we are fighting it, Wheeling is a safe place to be. Several violent crimes are down. Drugs offences continue to be a largest problem. Mr. Seidler asks for a specific number of desired officers. No decisions were made.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, moved to adjourn. Time: 12:00 p.m.

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REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron announced there is a Budget Work Session on February 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm and drafts will be sent to Council by Friday.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved to hold over: Planning Commission Minutes 1/11/21, Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes 12/3/20, Report to Council- Lane Abandonment Lane 25, Hall of Fame Minutes 1/12/21, Human Rights Commission Minutes 12/15/20, January 2021 Financial Statement until the following meeting. Motion carried all in favor.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Ace Truck- Knuckle Boom Crane- Water

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,164 WITH ACE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, OF ZANESVILLE, OH FOR KNUCKLE BOOM CRANE TO BE INSTALLED ON WATER DEPARTMENT TRUCK AND CHARGED VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND 400.1128.0500

Designating City Depositories for 2021

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (BB&T), UNITED BANK, COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., WHEELING, WESBANCO BANK WHEELING, J.P. MORGAN CHASE AND COMPANY, AND MAIN STREET BANK WHEELING, AS BANKS WITHIN THE CITY WHICH SHALL BE CITY DEPOSITORIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021, AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EACH SUCH DEPOSITORY WHICH SHALL FIX ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC MONEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 185 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING.

Lane Abandonment- Portion of Lane 25 Right of Way

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING VACATING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF LANE 25 RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE WEST SIDE OF JAOGB STREET TO THE EAST SIDE OF LANE E WITHIN SQUARE 17 OF THE SPRIGG ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WHEELING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ABANDONMENT.

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

No one signed up to speak.

There being no further business, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 5:58 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor