

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
03/09/2022
7:30 pm**

Council met in regular session at 7:30 pm in the second floor Council Chambers located at 105 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, with Chairperson Dale Lynch presiding. Mr. Caleb Johnson led the invocation and Mr. Jim Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Lynch addressed Council and noted the need to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session.

Mr. Chrisman moved and Mr. Blair seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the Agenda be amended to add an Executive Session.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Mr. Lynch noted students in attendance. Mr. Lynch asked students to introduce themselves to Council.

Present at said meeting were, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager, Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney and Mrs. Kelley Ford, Clerk of Council. At roll call, the following Council Members were present: Mr. Steve Shiltz, Mr. Jim Blair, Mr. Jim Chrisman, Mr. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson and Mr. Dale Lynch.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 23, 2022, be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There was none.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and reported that the Street Department was currently patching potholes.

Mr. Denen reported on upcoming paving plans.

Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation of the recent weather.

Mr. Denen expressed sincere appreciation of the Master Gardeners for their participation in the flowerpot program. Mr. Denen encouraged support of the program.

Mr. Denen welcomed signs of spring.

Mr. Denen thanked the community for their excitement with the news of upcoming new retail

Mr. Denen thanked the McClish family for their years of retail garden services and wished them well on their future endeavor (retirement).

In discussion, Mr. Lynch inquired about traffic control during the Columbus Avenue reconstruction. Mr. Denen noted that the City and ODOT plan to work with businesses and residents to limit inconvenience and maintain traffic flow as much as possible.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick noted that work has been being completed regarding Veterans Way and easement documents were being prepared.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

There was none.

1. LEGISLATION PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED (in writing)

A. ORDINANCE NO.1-2022 (second reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE THE JOB POSITION OF "TAX ADMINSTRATOR", PURSUANT TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ESPOUSED IN THE ATTACHED JOB DESCRIPTION AND SETTING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMPENSATION FOR THE JOB.

Mr. Hawk moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Ordinance No.1-2022 be placed on second reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

B. RESOLUTION NO. R4-2022 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK HIGHWAY ROCK SALT.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Mr. Hawk seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R4-2022 be placed on second reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R4-2022 be adopted.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

C. RESOLUTION NO. R5 -2022 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R5-2022 be placed on second reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R5-2022 be adopted.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

2. **NEW LEGISLATION (in writing)**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. R6-2022 (first reading)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO VORTEX USA INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SPLASH PAD.

Mr. Hawk moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R6-2022 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

B. **RESOLUTION NO. R7-2022 (first reading)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN LP FOR THE PURCHASE OF OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R7-2022 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

C. **RESOLUTION NO. R8-2022 (first reading)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ENGINEERED INSTALLATION SOLUTIONS LP FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR FITNESS PAD.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Mr. Hawk seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R8-2022 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried

D. RESOLUTION NO. R9-2022 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, APPOINTMENT OF BETH GERBER TO THE CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Resolution No. R9-2022 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

In discussion, Mr. Lynch noted that he believes Mrs. Gerber would be a great addition to the board.

Motion carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Chrisman expressed his appreciation of the Street Department.

Mr. Chrisman noted his appreciation of the salt in stock, although noted that he hope the salt would not have to be used

Mr. Chrisman expressed his appreciation of those in attendance.

Mr. Hawk expressed his appreciation for being a citizen of the United States. Mr. Hawk stated that it was an honor and privilege to work with Council and hoped that the city continued to do well.

Mr. Blair noted the impact on his heart resulting from the Ukrainian situation and encouraged citizens to pray for the people of Ukraine.

Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of those in attendance.

Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of the proposed legislation regarding outdoor recreation avenues for the citizens of Washington Court House.

Ms. Hernandez reiterated the comments of Mr. Blair and encouraged citizens to keep in perspective what we have in comparison to what the Ukrainians were going through.

Ms. Hernandez reported that the March Shop Hop would be held Friday March 11, 2022 and encouraged citizens participation.

Ms. Hernandez wished Boutique on Main best wishes on the re-Grand Opening at the new location.

Ms. Hernandez thanked all of the Departments, Income Tax, Finance and Economic Development Department.

Ms. Hernandez encouraged citizens to attend the upcoming Shop Hop to be held on March 11, 2022.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his appreciation of the students in attendance.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his appreciation of Police, Fire and Service Departments.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his appreciation of the new retail coming to the community.

Mr. Lynch expressed his appreciation of the students in attendance.

Mr. Lynch presented a categorized list of the goals and plans reviewed at that the Council Planning session held on March 3, 2022.

Mr. Lynch expressed condolences to Mrs. Ford on the loss of her father.

E. Adjournment

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the Regular Meeting be adjourned into Executive Session.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried. Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Mr. Chrisman moved and Mr. Blair seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the Executive Session be adjourned into Regular Meeting.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried. Executive Session adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the City of Washington offer employment to Christina Collins; salary/wages not to exceed \$110,000.00.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Blair seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Chrisman, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; and Mr. Lynch, "Aye".

Motion carried. Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Kalley P. Ford
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Dale Lynch
CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL



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Report of C. M. J. J. D. 03/09/22

- A.) Pothole patching and paving plans.
- B.) Thank you for the recent feel of Spring, get ready for Winter's hopefully brief return.
- C.) Master Gardeners are getting ready for flowerpots.
- D.) Thank the community for their excitement with news of upcoming new retail options.
- E.) Thank the McClish family for their many years of retail garden services and wish them well.