



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Washington Fire Department Training Room - 200 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Gary W. Manier called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with a quorum present.

Roll Call *Present:* Alderpersons Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens
Remote: Alderperson Adams
Absent: Alderperson Butler

Also Present City Administrator Snider, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Treasurer Carol Crocker, City Attorney Derek Schryer, Attorney Keith Braskich (audience) and Press

Pledge of Allegiance All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Manier.

Approve Remote Attendance Alderperson McIntyre motioned to approve the excused remote attendance for Alderperson Adams; Alderperson Brownfield seconded.
6 Ayes: Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Audience Comments None provided.

Agenda Deletions/Additions Alderperson Blundy motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Consent Agenda Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:
A. Approve Minutes of the August 5, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting
B. Payment Authorization for 2024 MFT Ace in the Hole Pay Request
C. Payment Authorization for Catherine Phase 1 Request #1
D. Payment Authorization for 2024 MFT American Asphalt Surface Recycling Pay Request 1
E. Approve Bills & Payroll
F. Accept Financial Report for Periods Ended May 31, 2024 and June 30, 2024
Alderperson Brownfield motioned to accept; Alderperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mayoral Communications: Mayor Manier shared the appointment of Don Livengood Jr. to Historic Preservation Commission to Fill Expired Term of Dan Goken.
Appoint Don Livengood Jr. to Historic Preservation Commission to Fill Expired Term Alderperson Smith motioned to accept; Alderperson McIntyre seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

City Administrator Communications Administrator Snider shared that Council requested to explore negotiating with the low base bidder from the RFP request, legal counsel reviewed it and didn't find anything definitive that would have said yes or no. City Engineer Carr and Mr. Snider both have previous common practice to do so. Police Chief McCoy provided a memo in packets with a summary. He noted June 3, 2024 the attorney, mayor and administrator were consulted as well as the City Engineer and it was recommended that they use the low base bid from P.J. Hoerr. Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve the recommendation; Alderperson Martin seconded.

Alderperson Blundy asked how to accept a bid that is higher than the budgeted amount. City Engineer Carr clarified that when a project goes over two budget cycles, a city only budgets for

that budget cycle and the remainder is budgeted for the next budget cycle, similar to the Freedom and Nofsinger projects. He further clarified that he expects to award P.J. Hoerr for \$2,337,400 and what is not built this fiscal year will be built next year. That total will be split between two budgets. Alderperson Blundy asked about the possibility of the next Council not approving the next budget. Mayor Manier noted it will be the same Council approving that the budget because the approval will take place before the new Council is seated. Engineer Carr noted that after the bid is approved, you can do valued engineering. Alderperson Blundy asked about the epoxy floors and Chief McCoy shared that they are willing to sacrifice the floors to gain the needed evidence building. He noted this has been discussed for five years and they have grants. Alderperson Stevens shared that the previous vote was split and the tie was broken by the mayor, Council questioned the location of the building and stated that Council never got to discuss that. She feels Council wasn't involved in early discussion. Chief McCoy shared that they did not ask Council for color choices or kind of doors or siding. He shared that Nate Custer is present to answer questions regarding location. Chief McCoy feels they went strictly by the law and it has been presented to Council for consideration.

5 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith

2 Nays: Blundy, Stevens

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolutions: City Administrator Snider provided the following resolution:

R-1416 (16-24) Approve Annual PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement
Synopsis: Adoption of this resolution would provide for the required 20% per capita local match totaling \$8,962.51 in order for Washington to be a PPUATS member and therefore eligible for federal transportation funding.

Title: Approve Annual FY25 PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement
Alderperson McIntyre motioned to approve; Alderperson Stevens seconded.

7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolutions: City Attorney Schryer provided the following resolution:

R-1417 (17-24) Approving Separation Agreement between the City of Washington and James W. Snider
Synopsis: Adoption of this resolution would authorize a separation agreement between the City of Washington and City Administrator, James W. Snider.
Title: Approve Separation Agreement between the City of Washington and James W. Snider
Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve the resolution, removing paragraph #7;
Alderperson McIntyre seconded.

5 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith

2 Nays: Blundy, Stevens

Motion carried by roll call vote.

First Reading Ord: City Administrator Snider provided the following ordinance:

Police Supervisor Selection Committee Code Amendment
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would amend Chapter 137.02 of the City Code regarding carrying concealed weapons so that it is compliant with State of Illinois law.

Title: Amendment to Chapter 137.02, Carrying Concealed Weapons

Second Reading Ord: City Administrator Snider provided the following ordinance:

3545 (26-24) Request by Jared and Sarah Sutter to Annex 1033 N. Main Street
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would annex a parcel at 1033 N. Main Street totaling 1.2 acres into the City of Washington corporate limits and zone it to R-1A.

Title: Request by Jared and Sarah Sutter to Annex 1033 N. Main Street
Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Smith seconded.

7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Alderperson Comments
Alderperson Martin asked if the feasibility study is still on target, Engineer Carr shared that it will be presented at the September Committee of the Whole meeting.
Alderperson Brownfield thanked City Administrator Snider for his service.

Adjournment
At 6:49 p.m. Alderperson Brownfield moved to adjourn; Alderperson McIntyre seconded.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk