City of Washington

Finance & Personnel Committee Monday, January 21, 2020 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 301 WALNUT STREET

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manier at 4:31 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gary Manier, Aldermen Daniel Cobb, Alderman Todd Yoder

Also Present: City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Planning & Development Director Jon Oliphant, Alderman Randy Black, Alderman Lilija Stevens, Liz and Brock Heider, Gary Heider, John and Sharon Amdall, Trevor Hiel with Ipava State Bank and Admin. Asst. Audrey Miller

AGENDA

- 1. Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: None.
- 2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: *None*.
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Cobb motioned to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. Alderman Yoder seconded the motion. The minutes from the meeting was unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- 4. Business Items:
 - A. 101-103 Washington Square TIF Agreement Amendment Consideration: The City of Washington entered into a TIF redevelopment agreement with Heider Properties, LLC in April 2017. The agreement allowed for the interior and exterior renovations to the Blacksmith and Cornerstone Inn spaces. The agreement was contingent upon certain provisions being met. Each of the provisions were violated in late 2019 which resulted in additional repayment amounts. Staff is requesting feedback on the consideration of a TIF agreement amendment to help ensure the businesses continue. Liz Heider read a statement outlining their issues and concerns. City Administrator Forsythe commented on the City's standpoint and the suggested comprise and proposed amendment. P&D Director Oliphant elaborated on the contracts and considerations. The Committee asked for clarification on the penalties and amounts. Brock questioned Kep's being included in the calculations. The Committee discussed the penalty amounts and suggested re-calculating the amounts without Kep's numbers. There were also discussions regarding the impact of their business on the Square and the City. Alderman Cobb made a motion to recalculate the figures and bring it to the Committee of the Whole on February 10th. Seconded by Yoder. All approved. Motion carried.
- A. Other business: Mayor Manier suggested implementing a business license. Finance Director Baxter provided an update regarding the new accounting system and rebudgeting the additional amounts in the next fiscal year.
- 5. Adjournment: Alderman Cobb motioned to adjourn. Alderman Yoder seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.