

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Special City Council Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Five Points, Washington Banquet Room

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the special meeting of Monday, May 10, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m. in a banquet room at Five Points, Washington, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois
Roll Call	Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.
Also Present	City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Clerk Valeri Brod, and the press
Present Remotely	None
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.
Approve Consent Agenda	Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items: a) Approval of minutes of April 28, 2021 Special City Council Meeting Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded. On roll call on the motion to approve was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Announcements and Proclamations	Swearing in of New Police Sergeant, Ryan Hunsinger; Police Chief Mike McCoy shared that Officer Hunsinger has been with the police department for 15 years and was the first pick of the selection committee. Chief McCoy then provided the swearing in of Sergeant Hunsinger followed by the placement of his pin by his wife and family. Sergeant Hunsinger thanked his family, friends, wife, Council, Mayor, and Deputy Chief. He shared that he was happy with his current position but wanted to apply for Sergeant due to the leadership of Chief McCoy. Sergeant Hunsinger shared that the Chief leads by example and is a mentor to those in the department. Mayor Manier asked retiring Sergeant Gordon and Retiring Officer Henderson to step forward for recognition. Sergeant Gordon shared that he has worked with the department for 22 years and under seven chiefs and acknowledged Chief McCoy as the best to work for, as well as Deputy Chief Stevens. Officer Henderson shared that he has been with the department for 27 years and stated that it has been an honor to serve the community and all of the department.

Audience Comments -Dan Leman provided the comment that there was a discussion online concerning Chief McCoy or his wife donating to the Mayor's campaign. He assumed that all proper rules were followed but asked what safeguards are in place to address ethics issues that may arise while the Mayor is acting City Administrator and Police Supervisor.
-Doug Brod provided the comment that he is an advocate for police due to a family history of his dad being a police officer for 30 years in the Village of Oak Park, west of Chicago. He attributed his own success due to the support his dad received from the department and village, as a police officer. He stated that the Council has a responsibility to make sure the children of the officer and the officer are safe. He stated the resource to keep them safe is Chief McCoy. He stated that Chief McCoy's contacts and resources make our city safer and Council has the responsibility to the officers and community to provide safety. He also noted that the officers are the ones putting their life on the line.
-City Clerk Brod noted that she sent the public comments provided at the last meeting to Council for a second time.

Standing Committee- Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, shared that there are no agenda items this evening.

Standing Committee- Public Safety Committee Chairman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, shared that there are no agenda items this evening and introduced Police Chief McCoy who share a brief update stating the Council and committee members were sent a monthly report and he could be contacted with any questions. He shared that no concerns or questions were received.

Standing Committee- Public Works Committee Chairman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, noted that there is one item on the agenda and introduced City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide details about the MFT Bid Awards that took place earlier in the morning. Mr. Carr shared that this was pushed back a week due to the lack of availability of product. Mr. Carr shared that they found a local source for the product and they had three bidders for the spray patch, one bidder for the fog-coat and one bidder for the asphalt and overlay. Mr. Carr shared that D&D Sweeping was the low bidder for spray patch, at \$20,000 over estimates, RA Cullinan was the low bidder for seal-coat at \$100 under budget, fog-coat at \$60,000 under budget, and asphalt at \$17,000 over expected. Mr. Carr stated that IDOT authorized \$1 million in spending for this project and these sections are estimated at \$952,746.18. Mr. Carr noted that Shelbark and Pinetree will need to be removed from this project so that they can received more attention, due to an unfriendly winter.

Alderman Brownfield motioned and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the D&D Sweeping bid for \$182,260

Alderman Dingledine asked why there is discrepancy in the estimates. Mr. Carr noted the increase in oil prices.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Alderman Brownfield motioned and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the RA Cullinan bids for seal-coat, fog-coat and asphalt.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Chairman Brownfield introduced Public Works Director Schone who shared that they started on the Gillman driveway replacements and curb work. He shared that they are putting together bids for a backhoe and looking at a possible mower that might be pushed to next year.

Engineer Carr shared that Bobolink is pouring concrete and landscaping is starting in a few days. He also noted that the private side is down to four homes. Mr. Carr went on to share that ICCI is coming back to grind curb on the Stratford Bridge.

Mayor

Mayor Gary Manier shared that he has been updating the Alderman as to the progress on the City Administrator Hiring. He noted that one quote was received and we are waiting on another.

2nd Reading

Ordinance:

***Washington Park
District Swimming Pool
Intergovernmental
Agreement***

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing an agreement allowing the City of Washington General Fund to provide reimbursement to the Washington Park District covering expenses incurred, up to \$15,000, for the water needed to fill the pools, which will provide relief to the Park District from the impacts of Covid-19.

Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Yoder seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st Reading

Ordinance:

***Approve TIF Request
for Washington
Historical Society***

Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and city clerk to enter into an agreement for the private development with the Washington Historical Society for the redevelopment of a portion of the downtown tax increment redevelopment project area.

Alderman's
Comments

None were provided.

Executive Session

At 6:26 Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to move into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and for collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

approve

Reconvene Regular
Session

At 7:24 p.m. Council reconvened in regular session on motion by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Yoder.

Approval of Fiscal
Year 2021/2022 Non-
Union Pay Plan &
Department Head
Salaries

Mayor Manier provided the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Non-Union Pay Plan and Department Head Salaries for approval.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt Resolution;
Authorizing the
Contract Renewal for
Chief of Police

Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement between the City of Washington, Illinois and Michael D. McCoy, Chief of Police for the Period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2025.

Alderman Cobb motioned to approve with the inclusion of the following into paragraph 17 that states "At the commencement of his employment with the City on May 26, 2016 McCoy voluntarily declined to participate in the Police Pension Fund and has voluntarily waived his rights to do so during his term with employment with the City" seconded by Alderman Dingledine seconded.

Alderman Stevens provided the comment that things were clarified during executive session and the police department respects McCoy's leadership and these play into her decision.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

At 7:31 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded to move.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri Brod, City Clerk