

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
6/24/2020
9:00 A.M.**

Council met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. in the second floor Council Chambers located at 105 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, with Chairperson Jim Chrisman presiding. Mr. Shiltz led the invocation. Mr. Lynch led the pledge of allegiance.

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. James Blair, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch and Mr. Jim Chrisman. Mr. Ted Hawk was absent.

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

Motion: That Mr. Hawk be excused from the meeting.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 27, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held June 15, 2020.

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

MOTION: That the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held June 15, 2020 be approved as corrected.

Ms. Hernandez advised that the minutes needed to be corrected to read that the meeting was held in the upstairs Council Chambers.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R24-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS. TAMI BATH TO THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. 24-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion carried.

F. RESOLUTION NO. R 25-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. KEITH ECKLES TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. 25-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion carried.

G. RESOLUTION NO. R26 -2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE APPOINTMENT OF MR. KIRK WILSON TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. 26-2020 be placed on first reading.

In discussion, Mr. Blair referenced a letter concerning the City Planning Commission. Mr. Denen advised that the letter was a courtesy to Council.

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

Mr. Blair inquired with Council regarding their thoughts on a Council Chaplain.

Ms. Hernandez advised that she preferred the invocation to remain as current because it gives each Council person an opportunity to pray.

Mr. Johnson noted of the possibility to invite someone as a compromise on each Council persons turn to pray.

Mr. Shiltz stated that the topic could be discussed further in Committee.

Mr. Lynch referenced a book he was reading called the American Gospel in relation to Mr. Blair's inquiry. Mr. Lynch referenced a quote that "Religion was not to be in any box." Mr. Lynch continued and advised that he had mixed feelings on the inquiry and noted that he liked the aspect of being able to pray at Council.

Mr. Chrisman advised his agreement with Ms. Hernandez.

Mr. Denen advised that it was hard to discern a conclusion on the subject and asked that if the topic should be placed on the next Committee Agenda?

Mr. Blair noted Council's response and advised that the idea was tabled.

Mr. Blair continued, and referenced a quote from President Ronald Reagan, regarding issues that were occurring in several cities within Ohio, "Socialism only works in two places, Heaven and Hell. Heaven where they don't need it and Hell where they already have it."

Mr. Shiltz reported issues with the unemployment rate in relation with corporate American, referencing a Fortune 500 company's status and employment changes as a result of Covid 19.

Ms. Hernandez had no comment.

Mr. Chrisman thanked those who donate their time to serve on city boards and commissions. Mr. Chrisman noted the difficulty getting people to serve.

Mr. Chrisman inquired with regarding meeting times. Council recommended that meetings remain at the morning time through the month of July.

MISCELLENEOUS

Mr. Lynch moved and Mr. Shiltz 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"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 09:49a.m.


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CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL