

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
8/26/2020
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. Steve Shiltz led the invocation. Mr. Caleb Johnson 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. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held August 12, 2020 be approved.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Abstain"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "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 August 17, 2020.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee held August 17, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

Motion passed.

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held August 17, 2020.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held August 17, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen informed Council of the progress being made with the Temple Street Bridge. Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation of Shelly and Sands for their work with the project.

Mr. Denen reported on the cooperative paving project between the city and ODOT on North Street.

Mr. Denen spoke regarding Covid19 and asked citizens to continue being cautious and courteous to protect themselves and fellow citizens of our community. Mr. Denen noted that each person can continue to make a difference. Mr. Denen continued and noted the importance of contact tracing for those who may have been exposed to someone who had Covid19.

Mr. Denen noted that Water Reserves were in good condition.

Mr. Denen reported that the Water Department had been proactively doing leak detection and identifying issues.

Mr. Denen thanked the citizens for supporting local businesses.

Mr. Denen thanked business for helping keep citizens safe during the pandemic. Specifically, Mr. Denen thanked Mr. Nic Epifano, from McDonalds and Home Depot on the corporate level.

Mr. Denen reviewed new legislation.

Mr. Denen introduced members present from different Committees to Council. Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation of the exceptional work of many members who donate their time to serve the community through different boards and committees.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick stated that he had no report.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

Mrs. Tami Bath, Board of Zoning Appeals Committee member, respectfully introduced herself to Council.

Mr. Eddie Fisher, respectfully introduced himself to Council.

Mr. Don Moore, respectfully introduced himself to Council and stated that he was happy to see his former students, referring to some members of Council. Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation of being able to serve the community.

Mr. Steve Lewis, respectfully introduced himself to Council.

Mr. Chrisman thanked the committee members present for serving the community.

C. LEGISLATION

1.) Legislation Previously Introduced

A. ORDINANCE NO. 7-2020 (second reading)

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MARS DRIVE TO COMPANION DRIVE.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No.7-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R30-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKKI HUNTER-SMITH TO THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE FOR A TERM CONCLUDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R30-2020 be placed on second reading.

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R30-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

C. RESOLUTION NO. R31- 2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. EDDIE FISHER TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R31-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R31-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

D. RESOLUTION NO. R32- 2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN LEWIS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R32-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R32-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R33-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN LEWIS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R33-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R33-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

F. RESOLUTION NO. R34-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. EDDIE FISHER TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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

Motion: That Resolution No.R34-2020 be placed on Shiltz reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No.R34-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

2. New Legislation (in writing)

A. ORDINANCE NO.8-2020 (first reading)

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9-2019 BY PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No.8-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R35-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CREATING A COVID-19 GRANT PROGRAM, DESIGNATING MR. JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE AND MRS. CHELSIE BAKER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, AS THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE COVID-19 GRANT PROGRAM, AND ESTABLISHING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIRMENTS.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R35-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

C. RESOLUTION NO. R36-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF KAY OUGHTERSON TO THE FAYETTE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM CONCLUDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R36-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

D. RESOLUTION NO. R37-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FAYETTE COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R37-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R38-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. MANDY MILLER TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R38-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

F. RESOLUTION NO. R39-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. MANDY MILLER TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R39-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

G. RESOLUTION NO. R40-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MARK J. PITSTICK TO REPRESENT THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE, JEDD, FOR AN NON-SPECIFIC TERM.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R40-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hernandez had no comment.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his appreciation of school teachers. Mr. Shiltz noted teacher's efforts with the virus.

Mr. Blair noted the flowers downtown.

Mr. Blair noted the good deed of Mr. Glendon Haithcock, who he witnessed reached out to help a couple in need.

Mr. Lynch thanked those who served on the numerous boards and committees and noted that they were all pillars of the community. Specifically noting Mr. Donald Moore, on inspiring him as a young adult.

Mr. Lynch referenced a quote by Harry Truman, after he became President upon the death of Franklin Roosevelt. "As I have assumed my duties, I humbly pray Almighty God, in the words of King Solomon: ' Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this Thy so great a people' I ask only to be a good and faithful servant of my Lord and my people." Mr. Lynch noted that should be the goal of all in an elected position.

Mr. Hawk expressed gratitude and recognition of the people who improve places in our community and expressed his appreciation of the flowers downtown.

Mr. Hawk expressed his concerns regarding Covid 19 being made political. Mr. Hawk continued and stated that businesses should not be enforcement officers on how citizens choose to live. Mr. Hawk stated that because it is expected, does not make it necessary and should be a matter of person choice.

Mr. Johnson thanked all the members of committees that had introduced themselves to Council.

Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of Councils recognition with suicide coalitions efforts.

Mr. Chrisman thanked the four committee members in attendance for their work within the community and encouraged members of Council to attend the Committee meetings.

Mr. Chrisman concurred with Mr. Lynch regarding the passage of the operating levy for the Washington City Schools.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL