



CITY OF WASHINGTON Council Report

January 3, 2025

ENGINEERING – *Dennis Carr, Ross Fuller & Mike Genard*

- The Washington Park Berm Project has been put on hold. A short delay in the construction of the manhole riser right before the wet weather has delayed the finality of the project. There was about a day and a half of work left when mother nature stepped in. The project in its current condition will work through the winter months.
- The Candlewood Bridge design is nearly done. We will be working with CMT on when would be the best time for the project to go out for bid.
- ILAWC has been doing some utility work on Hillcrest that has blocked a lot of vehicular traffic. It has been conveyed to ILAWC that the City would appreciate a heads up before work like this commences so we can alert the traveling public.

FINANCE – *Joanie Baxter*

Vacation

HUMAN RESOURCES – *Maureen Chambers*

Vacation

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – *Jon Oliphant & Joe Boyer*

- Due to the holidays, work at the brewpub, 120 Walnut and 126 Walnut spaces was fairly limited. Staff anticipates construction getting back to normal in early January.
- New construction permits have been issued for projects at 1875 Constitution for J&J Toppers and for the Police Department's evidence building at 200 N. Wilmor.
- Staff anticipates the issuance of a new construction permit a multi-unit contractor's building for The Garages of Washington at the corner of Muller and Valley Forge in the very near future.

PUBLIC SAFETY – *Chief McCoy & Deputy Chief Stevens*

- Officers responded to a nighttime, single vehicle rollover crash in the 300 block of Lynn Street. Side street rollover crashes generally occur when a front tire, turned sharply, bites into the pavement instead of sliding, providing stopping force below the center of gravity while the car's higher center-of-gravity inertia pushes forward and the tire becomes a pivot point as the trailing portion of the vehicle lifts. This can occur even when there is no external pivot, like a car or curb, being struck.

- We continue to gather information related to the fatal pedestrian crash on the 1200 block of Peoria Street.
 - Detective Steve Hinken has obtained the designation of "Master Tactical Patrol Officer" from the Illinois Tactical Officers Association. The Tactical Patrol Officer training and recognition program recognizes those who have successfully completed a series of critical patrol training objectives and certifications. The "Master" designation is reserved for the very small group of officers who have taken their training to the highest level and obtained instructor status in these same tactical patrol skill sets. Steve is the 151st Sworn Officer in the State of Illinois to obtain the "Master TPO" distinguished honor.
 - In case you wondered, the first Washington DUI of 2025 came 1 hour, 9 minutes into the new year.
 - Officer Thomas led 2024 WPD traffic enforcement with over 650 stops.
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PUBLIC WORKS – *Brian Rittenhouse*

- Sewer jetting and televising for the Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Program will take place over the next several months. Staff will be performing this yearly routine maintenance on sanitary sewers West of Legion Road.
 - Staff will also be performing stormwater outfall inspections over the next several months followed by any maintenance needed.
 - Staff coordinated the removal of the last two lead service lines. As new lead service lines are discovered, Staff will notify the IEPA and coordinate the replacement.
 - Staff met with PJ Hoerr to look at the Public Works Storage/Police Evidence Building. PJ Hoerr will work with the City's insurance company to reevaluate the cost for repairs.
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