CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 10084 DATE 6-11-26

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND CITY RESOURCES FOR THE WILLIAMSPORT GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, City Council previously adopted Ordinance No. 6521 authorizing the submission of a ballot question to the electors of the City of Williamsport regarding the election of a Government Study Commission to study the City's existing form of government and to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter;

WHEREAS, the Mayor signed and approved Ordinance No. 6521 on January 22, 2026.

WHEREAS, the ballot question was submitted to the electors of the City of Williamsport at the 2026 primary election, and the electors approved the creation of the Government Study Commission and elected members of the Williamsport Government Study Commission;

WHEREAS, under 53 Pa.C.S. § 2919, members of the Government Study Commission serve without compensation but are reimbursed by the municipality for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and City Council is required to appropriate money necessary for that purpose;

WHEREAS, City Council included in the City's 2026 Budget an allocation of $15,000.00 in the Contracted Services line item for home rule expenses;

WHEREAS, City Council desires to authorize the Government Study Commission to incur reasonably necessary expenses within the amount budgeted and to have those expenses submitted to and paid directly by the City through the City's bill payment procedures;

WHEREAS, the Government Study Commission will require reasonable administrative and technical support in order to perform its work efficiently; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that making shared City resources available to the Government Study Commission is an efficient use of public resources.

Approved

City Clerk

President

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Williamsport as follows:

1. City Council authorizes the Government Study Commission to incur reasonably necessary expenses in connection with its statutory duties, including solicitor services, consultants, clerical and administrative support, meeting expenses, publication, printing and public information expenses, video broadcasting services, reimbursement of member expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and other expenses reasonably related to the Commission's work, provided that the total amount paid by the City shall not exceed the $15,000.00 budgeted in the City's 2026 Budget for home rule expenses unless further authorized by City Council.

2. Invoices and reimbursement requests for expenses authorized by this Resolution shall be submitted to the City and paid directly by the City through its ordinary bill payment procedures.

3. The Government Study Commission is authorized to retain solicitor services, consultants, clerical support, and other assistants as permitted by 53 Pa.C.S. § 2919(b).

4. The solicitor services separately contracted for by the Government Study Commission are approved for payment by the City from the budgeted home rule funds, at the same rates presently in place for solicitor services provided to the City of Williamsport, subject to the maximum expenditure cap established by City Council.

5. The Government Study Commission is authorized to use the same video broadcasting company used by the City for public meeting broadcasting services, with related expenses to be paid from the budgeted home rule funds.

6. City staff are authorized to provide reasonable shared administrative, technical, information technology, meeting, posting, publication, and related support to the Government Study Commission, including City email accounts for Commission members or Commission business, provided that such support can be reasonably coordinated with staff's regular duties.

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7. The City shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, assist the Government Study Commission in identifying and tracking funds, goods, materials, in-kind services, and other services provided by the City so that the Commission may comply with any applicable reporting obligations.

8. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to provide compensation to members of the Government Study Commission, who shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses as provided by law.

9. The proper officers and employees of the City are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

ATTEST:

By: _____
President of Council

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk

Approved

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk

President