

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the February 21, 2023 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Chairperson Elmore.

President Potter reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the various required motions this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: March 7, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – February 21, 2023

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

At President Potter's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of council were present:

Amy Smith
Robert Bailey
Gerald Dixon
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison
Wes Kantor
Jo Anna Heck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the February 7, 2023 agenda and regular meeting minutes. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the minutes were approved as submitted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Conison reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Dixon reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Smith reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Chairperson Kantor reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Conison reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Elmore reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Heck reported that the committee met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – was not present

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – had no official report.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – shared some fun facts about the Emancipation Proclamation. President Abraham Lincoln, by executive order, freed some three and one half million enslaved individuals in the United States. However, because of the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended the Civil War, the enslaved people did not know and were not operating as free persons at that time. It took two and one half years to be on June 19, 1865 by Major General Gordon Granger, two hundred thousand enslaved people in Texas did not know that they were free. Now known as Americas second Independence Day. Individuals did not know they were free until December 6, 1865 when by order of Congress; the 13th Amendment was ratified and changed the Constitution, which freed the rest of the individuals throughout the United States from being enslaved in the United States. Fast forward to June 16, 2021, President Biden signed and made it a National Federal holiday to celebrate Juneteenth in the United States of America. On June 17, 2023, his office along with the Park and Recreation and Whitehall City Schools will be hosting and celebrating Whitehall First Juneteenth Celebration in the parks.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – had no official report but asked for favorable consideration on Resolution 007-2023.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– he had no official report.

President Potter – advised that no reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Minutes for the February 2, 2023 Whitehall Planning Commission meeting.
2. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of a D5 AND D6 license from BETHELEHAM LLC & PATIO, 4263 EAST MAIN STREET, WHITEHALL, OH 43213 to TRANQUIL LADY INC. & PATIO, 4263 EAST MAIN STREET, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Potter requested a roll call on whether each member of council received a copy of each item of legislation listed on the agenda prior to the meeting, including any add-on legislation. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

There was no legislation for third reading.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

ACCEPTING TITLE TO PARCEL 090-008416-00 FROM THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR USE AS A PUBLIC PARK.

ORDINANCE NO. 006-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO AEP OHIO ON PARCEL 090-003999-00 AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT A.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 012-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CONTINGENCY EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-950-59900).

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING UPDATES TO PART 11 – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE 3, CHAPTERS 1120 THROUGH 1130 OF THE WHITEHALL CODIFIED CODE AND OUTLINED IN EXHIBITs A, B and C.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 007-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 007-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution 007-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 007-2023 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Kantor said March 8, 2023 is State of the City at 6:30 p.m.

City Administrator Woodruff said the Woodcliff Demolition Kick-Off is Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Auditor Quincel said Saturday March 25, 2023 is the Whitehall Education Foundation Honors Celebration at Jefferson Country Club.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone watching from home and those who in attendance.

Chairperson Bailey thanked everyone for being there. He asked the City Attorney to continue his thoughts of today is to share something on Ulysses S. Grant in a few weeks. He was a major factor in all of this discussion especially with what he did when he was in office as President.

Chairperson Dixon thanked everyone in attendance tonight and those watching from home. In honor of Black History Month, he shared a passage by Alice Walker, the author of The Color Purple.

Chairperson Elmore thanked the viewers, those in the audience and the City Attorney for the information regarding Juneteenth. She wished W. E. B. Du Bois a Happy Birthday, as he was the first African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for watching from home. She congratulated the Columbus Metropolitan Library on their one hundred fifty years.

Chairperson Kantor thanked everyone in attendance tonight and those watching from home. He thanked Representative Humphreys for attending. He thanked the Columbus Public Library for the gifts.

Chairperson Heck thanked everyone in attendance tonight and those watching from home. She thanked City Attorney Bivens for the history information as well as the information for the Juneteenth event. She congratulated the Columbus Public Library on their one hundred fifty years.

President Potter thanked everyone for attending and those watching from home. He appreciates the City Attorneys information as well as the others.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

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