

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – February 22, 2022

Council President Potter called the February 22, 2022 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Thomas Potter
Mayor Kim Maggard
City Attorney Michael Bivens
City Auditor Steve Quincel

Council Members

Gerald Dixon
Wes Kantor
Amy Smith
Bob Bailey
Jo Anna Heck
Lori Elmore

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2022 DRAFT # 1

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (COTA) BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard was informed by COTA that it was time for Whitehall to appoint a member to their Board of Trustee's. She gave it some thought and she knows that Councilperson Elmore would be a good fit. In early March COTA will begin education sessions and she would like to get Lori appointed officially through a resolution.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/01/2022 - Kantor/Dixon)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 6:32 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 006-2022 DRAFT # 2

AMENDING 161.30 TITLED SURETY BONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Quincel said Shaquille Alexander would need covered under a surety bond so he looked at the existing surety bonds that are in place at this time. The amounts were small and established in 1993. They are in need of an updated. He looked at other municipalities surety bonds and came up with a formula that would work. The original ordinance set to cover a Deputy Treasurer and we do not have that position any longer. We are adding the position of Deputy Tax Commissioner. Michelle Carberry holds that position currently and she handles large amounts of money every day. He did not want to come back to Council each time there was a change. The Ohio Revised Code only refers to sufficient surety. This will allow the adjustment of the surety as needed without having to have legislation each time. The legislation needs to be in place before they seek the surety bonds. Additionally, there was a dollar amount specified for the Mayor to obtain blanket bonds on all other employees and elected officials. He wants the dollar amount removed. Additionally, he found that the City of Whitehall has double insurance currently in effect for this provision. There is a liability policy that covers everyone and a separate blanket bond policy. After this piece of legislation passes, they will terminate the blanket bond policy.

Councilperson Dixon asked Auditor Quincel to explain surety bonds to the citizens and those that are new on Council.

Auditor Quincel said it was an insurance policy so that the City of Whitehall is covered in the case of theft.

Chairperson Bailey asked if this would include the safety forces.

Auditor Quincel said yes.

Chairperson Elmore asked if the amount would balloon and there might be a need to come back to Council.

Auditor Quincel said it depends on where the City's budget goes. It is based on the amount of the money coming in and amount going out of the City. It is a protection for the City and he does not anticipate having to come back to Council for five years or so.

(Adm & Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/01/2022- Bailey/Heck)

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2022 *(Adm & Fin. Mgmt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 03/01/2022- Bailey/Smith)*
AMENDING 143.15 (d)(1) TITLED EMERGENCY MEDICAL BILLING.

Having no further business, Councilperson Bailey closed at 6:40 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Smith opened at 6:40 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Smith said she and Mr. Woodruff attended a meeting with OHM to go over phase 2 of the re-zoning, what that will look like, meetings and so forth.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Smith closed at 6:40 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Dixon opened at 6:41 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Dixon said he met with Mayor Maggard and they keep opening up nice avenues of conversation. He wanted to thank her for that.

Having no further business, Chairperson Dixon closed at 6:41 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:41 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Economic Development.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:42 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:42 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2022 DRAFT # 3

DESIGNATING A PORTION OF VARIOUS PARCELS ALONG BROAD STREET AND HAMILTON ROAD AS CITY OF WHITEHALL PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT AND LABELED AS WD'S AND T'S.

President Potter said in two weeks, City Administrator Zach Woodruff or Megan would be here to give a presentation on Woodcliff/Midcliff. This is a housekeeping piece and they knew it would be coming.

(Infra. Maint. & Srvs – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/05/2022- Conison/Kantor)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:43 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:43 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 007-2022 DRAFT # 4

VOIDING AND RESCINDING CHAPTER 707 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TITLED "AMUSEMENT DEVICES".

Mayor Maggard said earlier this year, Auditor Quincel came to her and they had a discussion in reference to this piece of legislation. The Auditor's office does the licensing. They realized that it is no longer needed. She spoke with the Police Department and they agreed.

(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/05/2022- Elmore/Dixon)

ORDINANCE NO. 008-2022 DRAFT # 5

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED "FRINGE BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT", 161.24(B).

Mayor Maggard explained why the mileage logs are no longer needed. The odometer reading will need to be entered at the pump, whether getting gas at the service garage or using the City's credit card. There is no reason to do a daily mileage log any longer.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/05/2022-Elmore/Bailey)

Chairperson Elmore said she had a meeting with Chief Moore with some very good conversation. He gave her information in regards to what is happening at the Division of Fire. Often times, people do not hear of the things that are happening. She told him she would get this information to the residents of Whitehall. The Fire Department is getting ready to have a three-day incident command training and in March, they will be having a two-day strategic planning meeting. A new inflatable fire prevention house has been ordered and it will be used at different event in the City. He has applied for a safety grant that will support the Fire Department for three years, wages and benefits. They are hoping to know by mid-year if they received the grant. On Thursday, March 10 from one to seven pm, the Fire Department is holding a blood drive.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:50 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:50 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Heck said that soccer sign-up are going on now. This weekend will be the second Wellness Weekend at the YMCA. There will be soccer and cooking activities. Sign-ups can be done on the Parks website.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 6:51 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council