

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – February 28, 2023

Council President Potter called the February 28, 2023 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Thomas Potter
Mayor Kim Maggard
City Administrator Zach Woodruff
City Attorney Michael Bivens
City Auditor Steve Quinzel

Council Members

Gerald Dixon
Wes Kantor
Amy Smith
Jo Anna Heck
Bob Bailey

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Smith opened at 6:31 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

Jason Sudy, from OHM Advisors and Christopher Meyer from Zone Code gave a special presentation on the planned updates to Part 11, Planning and Zoning Code, Title 3, Chapters 1120 through 1130 of the Whitehall Codified Code.

Mr. Sudy and Mr. Meyer answered questions and discussed concerns from Council members at this time.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2023 (*Comm. Stand. & Enf - 3rd reading – ADOPT 03/21/2023 – Smith/Heck*)

(Public Hearing on 03/21/2023)

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.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Smith closed at 8:13 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2023 DRAFT # 1

TO AGREE TO AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES BY CONSENTING TO TRANSFER APPROXIMATELY 4.0+/- ACRES FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

City Administrator Woodruff spoke about the old Wirthman site on East Main Street and Barnett Road. It is located in the City of Columbus and is to be transferred to the City of Whitehall upon passage of Resolution 008-2023.

(Comm. of the Whole. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/04/2023-Kantor/Dixon)

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2023 (*Comm. of the Whole. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 03/07/2023-Heck/Kantor*)
ACCEPTING TITLE TO PARCEL 090-008416-00 FROM THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR USE AS A PUBLIC PARK.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 8:17 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2023 DRAFT # 2
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/00 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00)
FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE PAYROLL
ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.300.51450) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard explained the reasoning behind asking for a six-month training period for the new Payroll Administrator. This piece of legislation will fund the position for the year 2023.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/07/2023-Bailey/Smith)

ORDINANCE NO. 015-2023 DRAFT # 3
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND
SEVENTY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,070.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE EVIDENCE
SETASIDE FUND (245) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/07/2023-Bailey/Heck)

ORDINANCE NO. 016-2023 DRAFT # 4
AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$45,000.00)
FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT (241-000-50000) FOR TRAINING AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/04/2023-Bailey/Heck)

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 012-2023 (*Admin/Fin. Mgmt. - 2nd reading – ADOPT 03/07/2023-Bailey/Heck*)
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) AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Dixon expressed his concerns with allowing the individuals who are running for Council and President of Council into the Strategic Planning process.

Having nothing further, Councilperson Bailey closed at 8:27 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Dixon opened at 8:27 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Dixon had a meeting with the Office of Aging. He passed out a booklet detailing the programming offered to people above the age of sixty. A part-time case manager will be at the YMCA and the Senior Center where people may speak with them about the services they offer.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Dixon closed at 8:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Kantor opened at 8:30 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor gave an update on Dunkin Donuts, the demolition at Woodcliff last week and the opening of Discover.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 8:31 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Bailey opened at 8:31 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 006-2023 (*Infra. Maint. & Srvs. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 03/07/2023-Conison/Kantor*)
GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO AEP OHIO ON PARCEL 090-003999-00 AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT A.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Bailey closed at 8:32 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Bailey opened at 8:32 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Public Safety.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Bailey closed at 8:32 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Heck opened at 8:32 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2023 DRAFT # 5
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Administrator Woodruff explained that the City is applying for a grant through the Clean Ohio Conservation Program. The exhibit he passed out to Council shows his and the Parks Departments work with two property owners on Fairway Blvd to partner with them on approximately eight to ten acres along Big Walnut Creek. This will allow them to put in a proposed conservation easement and work to open up additional access to Big Walnut Creek. The grant deadline is March 10.

(Park & Recreation – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/07/2023-Heck/Kantor)

Tee ball, baseball and softball are still holding sign-ups until March 10. Ages are 5-14. Spring soccer has started sign-ups.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 8:38 p.m.

President Potter advised that he would like a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Mr. Bailey so moved and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:39 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

Ms. Ogg pulled the names one at a time and the sitting members for the 2023 Charter Review Commission are Devon Brown, Scott Pooch, Leslie LaCorte, Diane Peters and Shirley Drake. The alternate will be Crissy Gwinn. Ms. Ogg will contact the members and ask them to attend the March 7, 2023 Council meeting to be sworn in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council