

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the April 4, 2023 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Chairperson Heck.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: April 18, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – April 4, 2023

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 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:

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

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent members and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Chairpersons Heck was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the March 21, 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 Bailey reported that the committee met last Tuesday 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 last Tuesday 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 last Tuesday 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 last Tuesday 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 last Tuesday 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 last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

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

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – she asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 016-2023, 018-2023, 019-2023 and Res. 012-2023.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – was not present

City Attorney Michael Bivens – in the month of March, his office prosecuted five hundred seventy-four cases with seventy-two of them being of a criminal nature committed by Whitehall residents. That equates to about twelve percent. He congratulated Joy Bivens for being in partnership with Franklin County Children's Services and the Center for Healthy Families. He asked for favorable consideration on Resolution 012-2023.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – he had no official report but asked for favorable consideration of Ordinance 018-2023.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander – had no official report. He said today is the fifty-fifth anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's assassination. He had the pleasure of spending the weekend in Memphis, Tennessee. He visited the Civil Rights Museum and he spent some time at the place where his last speech was given on April 3, 1968. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance 018-2023

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D3 license from GOLDEN CAFÉ HOUSE LLC, DBA GOLDEN CAFÉ HOUSE, 200 A SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.
2. Minutes for the March 2, 2023 Whitehall Planning Commission meeting.

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:

ORDINANCE NO. 016-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance 016-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance 016-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to adopt Resolution 008-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 008-2023 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

No legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 017-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE CREDIT MONITORING SERVICES EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101-900-51860 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 018-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY FUND (280), APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$291,380.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY FUND (280) TO THE POLICE DEBT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (280.000.50000) AND APPROPRIATING SIXTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$16,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY FUND (280) TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY FEE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (280.000.52000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 018-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 018-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 018-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 018-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO 161.37 TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, (e) PUBLIC SAFETY (1) FIRE DIVISION AND CHANGING THE POSITION NAME OF CAPTAIN TO BATTALION CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 019-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 019-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 019-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 019-2023 was adopted.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 012-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 012-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Resolution 012-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 012-2023 was adopted.

At this time, there was a presentation given by The Center for Healthy Families and Franklin County Children's Services to help raise awareness of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and the issues of abuse and its impact on our communities.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Nothing for Community Date Board.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Elmore thanked all those in attendance and viewing tonight. She thanked the Center for Healthy Families, in conjunction with Franklin County Children's Services. Advocacy is hard work and none of the young women seemed nervous to her at all. She touched on the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., which happen fifty-five years ago today. She corrected a statement she made last week in reference to being the Chair of the Community and Elder Advocacy committee for six years when it was actually only four years.

Chairperson Conison thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. She told the young women who presented tonight that they have made her so proud and she is looking at future leaders. She wished the Muslim community a Happy Ramadan, the Jewish community a Happy Passover and everyone else a Happy Easter.

Chairperson Kantor thanked the young women for their presentation. He knows it can be hard to present to strangers but they did a great job. He thanked all those in attendance. He had a nice time at the Easter Egg Hunt with his grandchildren.

Chairperson Smith thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. She thanked the young women for their presentation. She loves to see young people thinking outside their own needs and want but looking at what others need and want.

Chairperson Bailey thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. He thanked the young women for sharing what is an important subject that they all need to mindful of all twelve months out of the year.

Chairperson Dixon thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. He thanked the young women for their presentation and he appreciates it. He said he did make it down to Memphis once or twice and he visited the Lorraine Motel and now it is a museum. He remembers the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.

President Potter thanked the young women for sharing what is an important subject. So many time people stay by the sidelines and do not get involved so they are change makers. He thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight.

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 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: April 18, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President