

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the April 06, 2021 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Bailey.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2021.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – April 06, 2021

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 06, 2021.

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:

Karen Conison
Wes Kantor
Jo Anna Heck
Larry Morrison
Lori Elmore

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the March 16, 2021, agenda and regular meeting. 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 Morrison reported that the committee met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Elmore reported that they met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Kantor reported that they met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Chairperson Morrison reported that they met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Heck reported that they met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Conison reported that they met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 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 they met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – was not present.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – joined remotely. He gave March 2021 report as it relates to all cases prosecuted by the City Attorney's office. The total number of cases for March was 201 with 39 of those cases of a criminal nature committed by Whitehall residents. That is 19 percent. There was a major uptick in cases from February to March. There were approximately 456 cases this year so they are trending a little higher this year than last year. He wanted to let Council know to mark their calendars for April 28. The Diversion Program will be featured on a national recognized program for re-entry and social justice reform. It has been noticed as it relates to the social justice and criminal justice reform that they have been doing in Mayor's Court. This program has grown successfully to where it is now in two other municipalities other than the City of Whitehall. It is funded through Franklin County. It is growing rapidly. He is so proud of it so mark your calendars and he will have more information to follow.

City Auditor Dan Miller – joined remotely. The 2020 income tax filing deadline has been extended to Monday, May 17, 2021 in line with the State of Ohio's new filing deadline. Additionally, the City Auditor's Office will be open for in-person filing assistance on Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m.-Noon. City Hall and the City Auditor's Office have now reopened to the public. Community members may continue to file taxes, make payments and find current City of Whitehall tax forms here on the City website. Paper forms may be submitted via the drop-box outside the front doors to City Hall.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – was not present.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – he asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance 026-2021. Auditor Miller prepared this legislation. It seems like they were moving rapidly on this and there are reasons why. He asked Recreation Superintendent Shannon Warner to explain the reason behind the legislation and to answer questions Council may have.

Assistant Director Shannon Warner said there is going to be a Farmers Market this summer. To make it as equitable and accessible to everyone, it is imperative that they accept SNAP benefits and produce perks. The bank account is being set up to allow us to do that. She explained the produce perks and how they work. The separate bank account allows them to cash out at the end of the night, which is equally important in their ability to attract vendors to the market.

Treasurer Steve Quincel said he has been working with Heartland Bank to establish the account. The Farmers Market will start June 1 and it is already April 6. Time is of the essence and he is ready to open the account as soon as Council allocated the funds.

President Potter – advised there have been no Officials’ Reports filed in the Council Office since the last meeting:

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for the April 08, 2021 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. 014-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$39,682.88) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 014-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 014-2021 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 016-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

RECLASSIFYING A PORTION OF A FUND ADVANCE AS A FUND TRANSFER.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 018-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$275,236.00) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 019-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 25/100 DOLLARS (\$297,176.25) FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

PUBLIC HEARING 05/04/2021

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON 4218-4238 RICKENBACKER AVENUE, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008215, FROM A-1 APARTMENT DISTRICT AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (LCD) TO A-2 APARTMENT DISTRICT, PROPERTY OWNED BY YEARLING GREEN 1 LLC.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

PUBLIC HEARING 05/04/2021

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTON CROSSING PLAT, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008423, FROM A-2 APARTMENT DISTRICT TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (GCD), PROPERTY OWNED BY CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE COMPANIES.

ORDINANCE NO. 022-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

PUBLIC HEARING 05/04/2021

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER 1123.10(c)(1) TO ALLOW A DRIVE THROUGH WINDOW AND/OR DRIVE THROUGH FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD, PARCEL 090-008423, PROPERTY OWNED BY CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE COMPANIES.

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 76/100 DOLLARS (\$27,833.76) FROM THE WIMPITIE FUND (279) ATTRIBUTED TO THE 279.000.58000 ACCOUNT TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 024-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$27,220.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/PROJECT FUND (311); MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$27,220.00) FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/PROJECT FUND (311) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT 311.000.54000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 024-2021 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 024-2021 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 024-2021 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 024-2021 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 025-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

AMENDING 139.01 TITLED PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR POLICE AND FIRE.

ORDINANCE NO. 026-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE FARMERS MARKET EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101.700.58500; APPROPRIATING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE FARMERS MARKET EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.700.58500).

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 026-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 026-2021 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 026-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 026-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

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

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 008-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 008-2021 was suspended.

Mr. Morrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 008-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 008-2021 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Elmore said the Whitehall Community Virtual Hiring Event will take place on April 14 at 5:00 p.m. and May 1 at 10:00 a.m. is the Whitehall’s Cornhole Cup and the Grand Opening of Norton Park.

Chairperson Heck said that Whitehall City Schools started back full-time on Monday, April 5 with some children still doing virtual. You will see more children walking to and from school now.

Chairperson Kantor said May 1, 2021 is opening of Market on the Green! This dynamic market will feature live music, adult beverage vendors and more! Starting on Tuesday, June 1 through August 31 at Norton Crossing. Get details and submit your vendor application online here: <https://whitehall-oh.us/582/Market-on-the-Green>.

POLL COUNCIL:

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for watching and she will see everyone next time.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for watching. He thanked Treasurer Quincel and Assistant Director Warner for attending tonight's Council meeting.

Ms. Heck thanked everyone for tuning in and she will see everyone next week.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for watching and he hopes everyone has a safe week.

Ms. Elmore thanked the viewers for tuning in. She congratulated Mayor Maggard for being the recipient of the MORPC 2021 William H. Anderson Award for exemplifying outstanding leadership, a vision for the community and the region. That is a high honor for our Mayor to receive. A \$10,000.00 check was given to the YMCA from the Whitehall Bexley Rotary. The Rotary is a group of community and business leaders who meet and undertake local and international service projects to address some of the most critical issues such as children, at risk, poverty and hunger, environmental threats, illiteracy and violence. They also support programming for youth and international exchange students. The focus is service above self. There are numerous benefactor for Whitehall Bexley Rotary and they make sure they meet the needs of people in Whitehall and its residents. She wants to continue to send prayers to Chris Rodriguez that he gets strong and he stays well. She appreciates all the updates she receives.

President Potter said he would like to congratulate the Mayor also. He thanked everyone for joining them this evening. He is very much looking forward to having their fellow Councilman returning to them very soon.

Having nothing further, Ms. Elmore moved to adjourn and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2021.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President