

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the May 16, 2023 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

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

Auditor Quincel said the numerical in Ordinance 036-2023 is incorrect. It should read (\$46,675.00)

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: June 6, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – May 16, 2023

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the May 2, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Dr. Buhari Mohammed, CEO, Heart of Ohio Health provided an update regarding the ongoing progress they have experienced since opening their doors to their new office and clinic at 5000 East Main Street, just over a year ago.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Antonio Gordon of Real Situations Inc. provided an update on the Thursday Night Thrillers. This basketball league will bring some positivity to the City of Whitehall.

Whitehall Police Sergeant Jon Earl has been attending youth violence meetings all around Columbus with Chief Crispin. Two years ago, Antonio Gordon, who expressed an interest into bringing Thursday Night Thrillers to the city, approached him. It is the ultimate goal of the police department to have a place the kids can go at least one night a week, where they are safe and off the streets.

P & R Director Shannon Sorrell attended as well.

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 Heck 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 – was not present.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – had no official report.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – there has been a matter that has been assigned to the Whitehall City Attorney's Office that has received some public attention, which they have been appointed and have accepted as a special prosecutions case out of the City of Columbus. The allegation relates to a citizen of the City of Columbus that is also a candidate for political office that is alleging he was assaulted in a public meeting. They are currently investigating the claim and the prosecutor over this case has considerable experience in negating this type of case. Once the investigation is over, the facts will be followed; he will be impartial and fair and will follow the facts to the logical conclusion. Then the decision as to whether criminal charges will be pursued with the recommendation made to the Columbus Police Department.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – the Accounting Specialist started her new job. He asked for favorable consideration on Resolution 018-2023 and Ordinances 033-2023, 034-2023, 035-2023 and 036-2023.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander – was not present.

President Potter – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting; the Auditor's Expense Report for April 2023, the Auditor's Bank Report for April 2023, the Auditor's Statement of Cash Position Report for April 2023 and the Auditor's Revenue Report for April 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for the May 8, 2023 BZBA meeting.
2. Minutes for the April 10, 2023 BZBA 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:

No legislation for third reading.

SECOND READING:

No legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 032-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$80,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE FLEET RESERVE AND MAINTENANCE FUND 313 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 032-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 032-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 032-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 032-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 033-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE AND 66/100 (\$7,579.66) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE EVIDENCE SETASIDE FUND (245) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 033-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 033-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 033-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 033-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 034-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION EIGHTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,080,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE POLICE BUILDING RENOVATION/ADDITION FUND (324) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 034-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 034-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 034-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 034-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 035-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 15/00 DOLLARS (\$119,927.15) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 15/00 DOLLARS (\$119,927.15) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) TO THE DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (401-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 035-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 035-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 035-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 035-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 018-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A BODY-WORN CAMERAS REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 036-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (212) AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT TRANSFER ACCOUNT (212.000.59999); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (212) IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND NO/DOLLARS (\$45,675.00) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 036-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 036-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 036-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 036-2023 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Last day of school is May 25, 2023.

Juneteenth in the Park is June 17, 2023.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Heck thanked those in attendance and viewing from home. There were two great presentations and it is good to see all the good things Heart of Ohio are doing and she is very excited for Thursday Night Thrillers.

Chairperson Smith thanked those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. There are many activities coming so watch the website, opportunity guide and calendar.

Chairperson Bailey thanked everyone for coming out tonight. What they saw tonight was a good example of what has been seen over the past years with trying to rebuild this community. What happens is it is in the heart of those volunteering or being paid. It make the community stronger.

Chairperson Dixon thanked those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. He thanked Dr. Mohammed and Mr. Anderson for their presentation and the gentleman with the Thursday Night Thrillers. He thanked Councilor Elmore for her comments tonight as they were astute and well said and he appreciates them.

Chairperson Elmore thanked those in attendance and those viewing tonight. The speakers tonight were great and they let them know of some great things happening in the community. She is thankful to be a part of it.

Chairperson Conison said she feels everyone's sentiments and thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight.

Chairperson Kantor thanked those in attendance and those watching from home and he expressed appreciation for everyone has already said. In the front cover of the Opportunity Guide, there are two tickets to the July 4 festivities. Others can be obtained at City Hall. He apologized to Cory Ollie for forgetting to include him on opening day.

President Potter shared the sentiments expressed tonight. He is proud of the uplifting that is happening within the two presentations tonight. He thanked those in attendance and those viewing from home.

President Potter said having nothing further; he would accept a motion for adjournment.

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 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: June 6, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President