

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the May 17, 2022 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Dixon.

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,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Thomas M. Potter, Council President

## WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – May 17, 2022

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President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

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  
Jo Anna Heck  
Amy Smith  
Robert Bailey

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the May 3, 2022, 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 Bailey reported that they 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 they 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 they 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 they 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 they 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 they 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 – was not present.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – he thanked those in attendance and those tuning in tonight. On Friday, May 13, Pastor Claude Davis allowed his office to use his building for the first event that was posted as it relates to how they solve crime in the City of Whitehall. He is passionate about the criminal factors that create crime, along with the causes such as food insecurities, lack of jobs and lack of resources. With the Derrick Owens Group that is currently in the Mayors Court, they are expanding their services to wrap around services, which does not focus just on the defendant but focuses on the entire family. If they can stave that off and influence the family in a positive way, the long-term effects could be over-reaching where they could potentially solve all of that issue. The thing he loves about the City of Whitehall is they are large enough to have all of the same problems that Columbus has but it is small enough to be able to make a difference. He is asking the big question, the aspirational question, if they were to come together, what might it look like in order to actually solve the issues of crime in the City of Whitehall. He is reaching out to community leaders, starting with a group of Pastors, they had value-based conversation and he intends on expanding that conversation in the next few months. This is a long-term project and he intends to bring in people who are solution oriented and are thinking what can be done to create a Whitehall Values Blueprint. He will update Council as the project progresses. He expressed his condolences to the million families who have lost their lives to the covid pandemic.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – the Ohio House has introduced legislation for the second tranche of the American Rescue Plan funds. It is expected to fly through the house and onto the Senate for approval. Sometime this summer the city will receive their second installment of those funds. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 021-2022 through 025-2022 and Resolution 015-2022.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– he had no official report.

President Potter – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Treasurer's Investment Report for December 2021, The Treasurer's Activity by Fund Report for December 2021 and The Treasurer's Fund Reconciliation Report for December 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new C1 liquor permit for EX-PRESS BEER WINE GROCERY & MORE INC., DBA EX-PRESS BEER WINE GROCERY & MORE, 4345 E. BROAD STREET, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.

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. 013-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AMENDING 161.11(a) AND (b) TITLED "LEGAL HOLIDAYS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 013-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 013-2022 was adopted.

**SECOND READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PLACE A PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION OF DISPATCHER AT A STEP D IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 17.2 OF THE CURRENT LABOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 014-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 014-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Resolution No. 014-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 014-2022 was adopted.

**FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL 161.37(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED OFFICE OF MAYOR; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF 161.38 SALARY SCHEDULE TITLED SALARY SCHEDULE.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$64,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE STREET MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND (201); MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$64,000.00) FROM THE STREET MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND (201) TO THE BUILDING & LOT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (201.000.54500) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 021-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 021-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 021-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 021-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 022-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$47,500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE BUILDING AND LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101.950.53300).

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$18,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE REFUSE COLLECTION BINS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.600.54000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Deputy Director for Public Affairs Megan Meyers gave an update on the trash program. The ongoing maintenance of the program is underway. There have been approximately two hundred fifty households request a second garbage cart to increase their capacity. They are constantly monitoring the remaining stock. This supplemental appropriation will allow the replenishing of their stock. A second ninety-five gallon cart will now cost a one-time seventy-five dollars and two dollars a month fee.

At this time, Megan Meyer answered questions from Council.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 023-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 023-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 023-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 023-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 024-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING DECLARATIONS OF OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REIMBURSEMENTS FROM NOTE AND BOND PROCEEDS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES MADE FOR PAYMENTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE, AND RELATED MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Deputy Director for Public Affairs Megan Meyers said since Issue 10 passed they are now ready to select an architect. They are working with one particular firm with the intention of bringing legislation to Council in a few weeks for their consideration. This will allow the city to pay the architect and then pay themselves back with the bond proceeds.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 024-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 024-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 024-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 024-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FROM THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY STREET HOCKEY RINK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 015-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 015-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Resolution No. 015-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 015-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 025-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GRANT FUND (204); APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/00 DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GRANT FUND (204) TO THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (204.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 025-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 025-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 025-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 025-2022 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Elmore said fire hydrant flushing began on May 17 and will continue until July 15.

City Treasurer Alexander said this year's Commencement for Whitehall Yearling High School is on May 28, 2022.

Chairperson Kantor said the last day of school is June 2.

City Attorney Bivens said that Treasurer Shaquille Alexander would be the speaker at this year's Whitehall Yearling High School Commencement Ceremony.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Elmore thanked Michole Spicer for always being present and participating in city government and everyone for viewing on Facebook. She brought attention to the interview City Administrator Woodruff regarding what is going on in Whitehall. It highlighted all the good things getting ready to happen, the demolition of Woodcliff and the growth that is happening in Whitehall.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for viewing and Michole Spicer for attending tonight. Last week was Nurses Week and she forgot to mention it. Tomorrow is National Speech Pathologist Day.

Chairperson Kantor thanked Michole Spicer for attending and those viewing from home tonight. He thanked Megan for coming in and updating them tonight. He gave kudo's to Treasurer Alexander for completing December 2021 financials. He thanked the Police department and all the blue ribbons recognizing National Police Officers Week.

Chairperson Heck thanked Megan for all the information, Michole Spicer for coming in and everyone tuning in from home.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance. Enjoy this beautiful weather.

Chairperson Bailey echoed every ones thoughts.

President Potter said he had nothing to add but wished everyone a nice rest of his or her week.

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 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

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Thomas M. Potter, Council President