

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – June 22, 2021

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Council President Potter called the June 22, 2021 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Potter  
Mayor Kim Maggard  
City Attorney Michael Bivens  
City Auditor Dan Miller

Council Members

Chris Rodriguez  
Wes Kantor  
Larry Morrison  
Bob Bailey  
Jo Anna Heck  
Lori Elmore

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**THIRD READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2021 (*Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 07/06/2021– Elmore/Conison*)  
ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 6:31 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 059-2021 DRAFT # 1

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$87,000.00) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND (505); APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$87,000.00) FROM THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND (505) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (505.000.51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Bailey said that this money is to pay for accruals for employee's retirements.

*(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 07/06/2021–Bailey/Rodriguez)*

ORDINANCE NO. 060-2021 DRAFT # 2

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$23,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE RECREATION TRUST FUND (860) TO THE RECREATION TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (860-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Bailey said this is from grants and sales at Kelly Green.

*(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 07/06/2021–Bailey/Kantor)*

Having no further business, Councilperson Bailey closed at 6:32 p.m.

### COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:32 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 017-2021 DRAFT # 3

LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO (ADDRESSES AND PARCEL NUMBERS AS PROVIDED WITHIN THE TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION), CERTIFYING SUCH COSTS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST SUCH PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Elmore said she did have a conversation with Director Woodruff because she wanted to know what the process was before residents were assessed. He stated they were given a warning first, and then they are notified in advance in writing to remedy the issue. If they do not remedy the issue, the City will then remediate the issue by mowing the grass, picking up the trash and then the taxes are assessed.

Councilperson Bailey said that they discussed a couple of weeks ago that Code Enforcements position is more of an educational role and not so much enforcement. They are very lenient.

Councilperson Elmore said she wanted to make sure, if there were any issues or comments by any residents that there is a process in place that they use. They do not just arbitrarily go and cut the grass but try to remediate the issue prior to assessing taxes. That is just for procedure.

Councilperson Bailey said that could take several weeks and after watching one of the City employees actually do his documentation when a property needs cut, what he uses is actually taller than what the code calls for. It is way past needing mowed by the time they are even approached.

Councilperson Morrison said the collection on this is done through the property tax, correct. With that said and this being the first reading, he would like to see this go for two readings, if there is no objection.

There were no objections.

There was discussion on why this legislation is usually passed on first reading.

*(Comm. Stand & Enf. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 07/20/2021–Rodriguez/Kantor)*

### SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 055-2021 *(Comm. Standard & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 07/20/2021– Rodriguez/Kantor)*  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CODE VIOLATIONS AS PAYABLE CITATIONS NOT REQUIRING A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT COURT.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 6:37 p.m.

### COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:37 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Elmore said that bingo in the senior center parking lot is still going on every Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Maggard said it might not be through the summer because they are trying to get the Senior Center back open.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:38 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:38 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

#### **SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO.056-2021 (*Economic Dev – 3rd reading – ADOPT 07/20/2021– Morrison/Heck*)  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 049-2011 TO UPDATE THE TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE EAST BROAD STREET DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

ORDINANCE NO.057-2021 (*Economic Dev – 3rd reading – ADOPT 07/20/2021– Morrison/Conison*)  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 051-2011 TO UPDATE THE TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE MAIN STREET EAST COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

ORDINANCE NO.058-2021 (*Economic Dev – 3rd reading – ADOPT 07/20/2021– Morrison/Elmore*)  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 048-2011 TO UPDATE THE TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE TOWNE SQUARE DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:39 p.m.

### INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:39 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 6:40 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:40 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor said there would be a new Officer sworn in on Thursday at 10:00 am at City Hall.

City Attorney Bivens said that Chief Crispin spoke at the Voinovich Institute last Wednesday. He did not attend but did hear that it was very well attended. He is a consummate professional and represented the City very well during that meeting. He believes Counselor Elmore was in that session. He heard nothing but great reviews as it relates to Chief Crispin's participation.

Chairperson Elmore said he did a fine job. The information that he presented to the class was very informative, he received great reviews in the chat and they were very happy.

Mayor Maggard said he was on a motorcycle camping trip when he did the presentation. They would ride for like eight to ten hours a day then they would go off into the woods to camp.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:41 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:42 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor said he believes everyone received an email late this afternoon from Director Sorrell. Some of the things happening are Market on the Green is on Tuesday, Amazing Athletes is Wednesday at 7:00 pm and Thursday at 10:00 am at Kelly Green, Family Fitness Fun at Kelly Green, Saturday is Yoga In The Park at Kelly Green at 9:00 am and refreshments at 7:00 pm at the movie at dusk. The movie this week is Anchorman. Sunday is Music in the Park at the Lacorte Amphitheatre with Mojo Flow at 6:30 pm.

Chairperson Heck want to remind everyone that the can use their SNAP benefits at the Farmers Market on Tuesdays.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:43 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council