

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Pro Tem Bailey called the August 15, 2023 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Chairperson Kantor and President Potter.

President Pro Tem Bailey reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the various required motions this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 5, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – August 15, 2023

President Pro Tem Bailey called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

At President Pro Tem Bailey'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

Mr. Dixon moved to excuse the absent members and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Chairpersons Kantor and President Potter were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve August 1, 2023 agenda and regular meeting minutes and the August 8, 2023 committee agenda and meeting minutes. Ms. Heck 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

City Administrator Zach Woodruff gave a presentation to Council on the Administration's desire to apply for an OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program which includes what will be the third phase of the Broad Street Reconstruction Project. The city has applied for and received funding for the first two phases of this project. The project is roughly a 3.2 million dollar project.

City Administrator Woodruff answered questions from Councilmembers 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 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.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Conison reported that the committee 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 – he had no official report but asked for consideration on Ordinances 063-2023, 064-2023, 065-2023, 066-2023 and Resolution 035-2023.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – was not present.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – he had no official report but asked for consideration on Resolutions 029-2023, 030-2023, 031-2023, 032-2023, 034-2023 and Ordinances 063-2023 through 072-2023.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander – he was not present.

President Pro Tem Bailey – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: The Mayors Report to Council for July 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Minutes for the July 10, 2023 BZBA Meeting.
2. Agenda for the August 14, 2023 BZBA Meeting.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Pro Tem Bailey 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. 063-2023 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,600,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FOUNDATION, STRUCTURE, EXTERIOR, WALKWAYS, RAMPS AND ENTRYWAYS, AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW WINDOWS, DOORS AND SIGNAGE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 063-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 063-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 063-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 063-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 064-2023 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES BY THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY AND THE RENOVATION, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF THE EXISTING FACILITY, INCLUDING ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 064-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion.

City Administrator Woodruff updated Council on the increase from 2.1 million to 2.5 million.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 064-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 064-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 064-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 065-2023 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$10,600,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF A PORTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 37-ACRE PARCEL IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAMILTON ROAD AND EAST BROAD STREET, ALL IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITHIN THE CITY THAT WILL RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT AND NUISANCE ON AND AROUND THE ACQUIRED PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Smith introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 065-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 065-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 065-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 065-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 066-2023 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:*

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF A COURT-APPROVED FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS MADE BY THE CITY IN THE CASE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL OHIO ET AL VS OLANDER, THOMAS J ET AL, CASE NO. 2007 EVH 060217 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 066-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 066-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 066-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 066-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 029-2023 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Dixon introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 029-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 029-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Dixon moved to adopt Resolution No. 029-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 029-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2023 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 030-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 030-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution No. 030-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 030-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2023 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Dixon introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 031-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 031-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Dixon moved to adopt Resolution No. 031-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 031-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2023 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Dixon introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 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 Resolution No. 032-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Dixon moved to adopt Resolution 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 Resolution No. 032-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2023 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Dixon introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 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 Resolution No. 034-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Dixon moved to adopt Resolution 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 Resolution No. 034-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 067-2023 (*Adm. & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023-Bailey/Conison*)

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS FUND (221), ADVANCING THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$36,300.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$36,300.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND RETENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 067-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 067-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 067-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 067-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 068-2023 (*Adm. & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023-Bailey/Conison*)

APPROPRIATING TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$29,962.50) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND SAFETY INTERVENTION EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50010 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 068-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 068-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 068-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 068-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 069-2023 (Adm. & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023-Bailey/Conison)

APPROPRIATING EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 18/100 DOLLARS (\$88,318.18) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND MOBILE RADIOS EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 069-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 069-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 069-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 069-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 070-2023 (Adm. & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023-Bailey/Smith)

APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 72/100 DOLLARS (\$279,772.72) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50030 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Smith introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 070-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 070-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 070-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 070-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 071-2023 (Adm. & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023-Bailey/Conison)

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM APPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE UTILITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101.950.53800 TO THE BUILDING/LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT 101.950.53300 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 071-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 071-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 071-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 071-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 072-2023 (Adm. & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023-Bailey/Smith)

APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$160,000.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND RETENTION INCENTIVES EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50040 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Smith introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 072-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 072-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 072-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 072-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2023 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Bailey:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OF THE WHITEHALL YEARLING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN RAISING OVER THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS PRE-K PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2023 (Comm. Of the Whole– 1st reading - ADOPT 08/15/2023- /)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

The first WYHS football game is Friday with the first home game being August 25, 2023.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Heck thanked everyone for watching and those in attendance. She thanked Mr. Woodruff for the presentation.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for watching and those in attendance. As summer is winding down, there are many activities planned so watch the city's website calendar.

Chairperson Dixon thanked everyone watching from home and those in attendance. He thanked Mr. Woodruff for the presentation.

Chairperson Elmore thanked the viewers and those attending in person. She thanked everyone for the outpouring of sympathy and love she has been shown.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for watching from home and those attending. She is glad Ms. Elmore is back. She has been missed. She said Mr. Bailey did an excellent job tonight.

President Pro Tem Bailey told Ms. Elmore welcome back.

Having nothing further, Ms. Elmore moved to adjourn and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 5, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President