

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – August 23, 2022

Council President Potter called the August 23, 2022 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 Thomas Potter
Mayor Kim Maggard
City Administrator Zach Woodruff
City Attorney Michael Bivens
City Auditor Steve Quincel
Econ. Dev. Manager Kelsey Miller

Council Members

Gerald Dixon
Wes Kantor
Amy Smith
Bob Bailey
Jo Anna Heck
Karen Conison

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 6:30 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 053-2022 DRAFT # 1

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVIING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$230,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard said sometimes budgets need to be very fluid and that it what is happening this year. Credit card usage fees have increased, additional funds for YMCA programming are needed and fuel prices have increased as well as city utilities.

(Adm & Fin Mgmt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 09/20/2022-Bailey/Conison)

RESOLUTION NO. 027-2022 DRAFT # 2

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

Auditor Quincel said essentially then and now’s are when there is not a purchase order in place prior to the invoice being presented. He was not given this information by a prior employee or he would have brought this forward to Council earlier. There is a plan in place to take care of this going forward with the current Deputy Auditor.

(Adm & Fin Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/06/2022-Bailey/Heck)

Having nothing further, Councilperson Bailey closed at 6:33 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Smith opened at 6:34 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 054-2022 DRAFT # 3

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 1123.12(c)(5) TO ALLOW MAGIC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC TO OPERATE A PAINTLESS DENT REMOVAL FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4629, 4645 AND 4651 POTH ROAD and 181A, 181B, 181C, 181D, 181J, 181N and 181P NORTH HAMILTON ROAD PROPERTY OWNED BY HGI-MIDWEST LLC.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said that Dent Magic operates a facility along Poth Rd and into the flex warehouse space that is located behind Charisma Life Ministries off Hamilton Road. Over the past number of years, they have continued to expand. He has been working with them to determine exactly which of the flex spaces in that area that they are occupying and have intention of occupying. This legislation encompasses all of the properties that they occupy. In coordination with the City Attorney's office, they have brought forth this legislation so they are in compliance from a zoning standpoint.

(Comm. Stand & Enf.– 3rd reading – ADOPT 10/04/2022-Smith/Dixon)

City Administrator Zach Woodruff introduced Jason Suttie and passed out some information in reference to Mr. Suttie presentation.

Jason Suttie, OHM Advisors, 580 N. 4th St. #610, Columbus, OH 43215 gave an overview of the Whitehall Zoning Code Update. He focused on code introduction (sets a framework for use of the code), parking, loading and drive-through (establishes parking standards and counts as well as location), signs (establishes sign types by district, size and location) and urban agriculture (community gardens, limitations on animals and standards for sales).

Mr. Suttie answered questions from Council at this time.

Chairperson Heck asked if Council could get a copy of the slides that were presented tonight.

Ms. Ogg will provide copies to all Councilmembers.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Smith closed at 7:32 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Dixon opened at 7:32 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Community and Elder Advocacy.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Dixon closed at 7:32 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Kantor opened at 7:32 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

THIRD READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2022 (*Economic Dev – 3rd reading – ADOPT 09/06/2022- Kantor/Elmore*)

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2021.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 7:32 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Conison opened at 7:33 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 028-2022 DRAFT # 4

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING FUNDS THROUGH THE MORPC-ATTRIBUTABLE FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said the he and Ryan Andrews will be making a presentation on September 20, 2022 to outline an improvement project along Fairway Blvd. that will include as part of the capital stack and funding would be an application to Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission for their attributable funds. The city has been successful in this funding source over the years. This is slightly different from OPWC, in that OPWC typically is funded in year one, planned in year two and constructed in year three. Attributable funds are typically approved in year one, engineered and planned in year five and funded in year six. Broad and Hamilton was an example of how they were able to pay for that project so they will have more information on the 20th when they come for that presentation to Council. Their intention is to reach out to residents along Fairway Blvd. encouraging them to come and see what the proposed improvements are going to be.

(Infra. Maint. & Srvs. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 09/20/2022-Conison/Kantor)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Bailey opened at 7:35 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 055-2022 DRAFT # 5

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AUTHORIZED TABLE OF PERSONNEL 161.37(E)(2) TITLED “POLICE DIVISION”.

Mayor Maggard said this legislation would update the patrol strength from forty six to forty eight, which represents what the voters passed in May.

(Public Safety – 3rd reading – ADOPT 10/04/2022-Elmore/Dixon)

Chairperson Kantor said the memorial for Terry McDowell would be held on August 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitehall Police station. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony as well.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Bailey closed at 7:36 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Heck opened at 7:36 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Heck said that soccer registration is still going on until Saturday. Sign-ups can be done through the link on the Facebook page or by calling the Parks and Recreation department.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 7:37 p.m.

Chairperson Kantor said Whitehall's football game with Northland has been cancelled. The Rams will play Dayton Dunbar at home at 7:00 p.m. on Friday instead. Senior night has not been rescheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council