

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the September 6, 2022 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Elmore.

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

Mayor Maggard said the individual scheduled to receive the proclamation tonight could not attend. She will read the proclamation and the mail it to the family.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff explained that Ordinance 056-2022 is need to move money from the general fund to the community affairs expense account. After city functions, the left over water and soda returned to the vendor for reimbursement and the check deposited in to the general fund. Now it needs moved to be able to fund additional city activities.

Auditor Steve Quincel said they received the property tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor's office. All proceeds are recorded as revenue and then making sure there are monies in the accounts as they had not been budgeted for previously. (Ord. 057-2022)

Auditor Steve Quincel said Resolution 029-2022 is to accept the rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Auditor Steve Quincel said Resolution 030-2022 come up every year. This is the investment policy for the city and last updated in 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – September 6, 2022

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 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:

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

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 Ms. Elmore was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the August 16, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Maggard read a proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. She will mail it to the parents of Jase Blanton.

POLL PUBLIC:

Joy Bivens, 4985 Doral Avenue, Whitehall, Ohio along with Chanda Wingo, The Franklin County Office on Aging, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio came to ask Council and the community for support and endorsement of Senior Options, Issue 10 on the November ballot. Issue 10 is a 1.75 mill senior services levy. It is a no tax increase. It is what citizens are already paying. Seniors receive Meals on Wheels program, home improvement program as well as supportive services that seniors receive in their homes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee Tuesday, August 23, 2022 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 they met Tuesday, August 23, 2022 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 Tuesday, August 23, 2022 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 Tuesday, August 23, 2022 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 Tuesday, August 23, 2022 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Bailey reported that they met Tuesday, August 23, 2022 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 Tuesday, August 23, 2022 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – hoped everyone enjoyed his or her Labor Day. Ms. Bivens has inspired her and she will be bringing draft legislation forward next week in support of Issue 10.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – had no official report.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – said the City Attorney's office in the month of August prosecuted two-hundred forty-one cases. There is an upward trend. He thanked Mayor Maggard and Chief Crispen for resolving some of the issue that were occurring in Mayors court that had those numbers declining. As a result, of the two-hundred forty-one cases, only thirty-four of them, total, combined in Municipal and Mayors Court, were committed by Whitehall residents. That is about fourteen percent. When you look at just Mayors Court, it is about ten percent. He gained inspiration by what the Mayor said in her proclamation regarding Childhood Cancer Awareness. With it being Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, if anyone is struggling with issues as it related to attempting suicide, they can call 988 or text 741-741.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – said they have completed the employment process and have hired two new employees. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance 057-2022 and Resolutions 027-2022, 029-2022 and 030-2022.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– had no official report.

President Potter – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: The Treasurers Investment Report for February 2022, The Treasurers Activity by Fund Report for February 2022 and The Treasurers Fund Reconciliation Report for February 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda and minutes for the September 1, 2022 Whitehall Planning Commission 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:

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

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

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

SECOND READING:

There was no legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 053-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 054-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 055-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 056-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.200.56100) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 056-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 056-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 056-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 056-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 057-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE ELECTION EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.59000) AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE TIF FEES EXPENSE ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 057-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 057-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 057-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 057-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 027-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLVING TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 027-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 027-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 027-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 027-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 028-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 029-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 029-2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 029-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Resolution No. 029-2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 029-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 030-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 030-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 030-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 030-2022 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Heck said Wednesdays in September from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. is Hour with the Rangers at the YMCA and archery is this Saturday, the 10th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., complete sign-ups online.

Chairperson Kantor said the Whitehall Rams play at Grandview this Friday night. Homecoming is the next week on the 16th. The parade is Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone viewing, said hello, and miss you Micole.

Chairperson Kantor thanked everyone for attending and viewing from home tonight. He supports Issue 10. It is nice to have Treasurer Alexander back.

Chairperson Heck thanked everyone watching from home and for the information on Issue 10.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for viewing and those who came to speak on Issue 10.

Chairperson Bailey thanked the City Attorney and the Mayor for their comments tonight. He supports issue 10.

Chairperson Dixon thanked Ms. Bivens and Ms. Wingo for their statements on Issue 10. He thanked the Mayor and City attorney for their comments and raising awareness of childhood cancer and suicide prevention. He was glad to see Treasurer Alexander back and he is glad everything is okay.

President Potter thanked Ms. Bivens and Ms. Wingo for coming and speaking on Issue 10. Council supports Issue 10. He thanked the Mayor and City Attorney for their comments as well.

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President