

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the September 20, 2022 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – September 20, 2022

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 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
Lori Elmore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the September 6, 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:

City Administrator Zach Woodruff and Ryan Andrews from EMH&T gave a presentation on the proposed Fairway Blvd. Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Project. They notified those residents that live along Fairway Blvd and there were approximately forty to forty-five residents in attendance. The residents were asked what some of their concerns were regarding Fairway Blvd.

Mr. Woodruff had a rendering of what the proposed improvements might look like which was enlarged for all those in attendance to see which includes one round-about and several speed humps. He gave those in attendance a timeline for the project if the City of Whitehall is selected for the MORPC Attributable Federal Funding Program for transportation improvements.

Mr. Woodruff addressed each residents concerns and answered questions from residents and Council at this time.

City Council paused for a short recess at 8:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee 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 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 – thanked City Administrator Zach Woodruff for his presentation. She asked for consideration on Ordinance 061-2022 regarding insurance renewal. Insurance renewal is up at the end of the day on October 2, 2022. They are still working on getting the insurance numbers in place. She has another meeting with the insurance broker on Friday.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – stepped away from his seat for a moment.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – thanked Coach Rod Lightfoot for his help in reinstating the Legal Rams program to the city.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – had no official report. He asked for consideration on Ordinances 058-2022, 059-2022 and Resolution 032-2022.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander – was not present.

President Potter – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: The Mayor's Report to Council for August 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

There were no Communications, Petitions and Claims.

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:

There was no legislation for third reading.

SECOND 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.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 053-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 053-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 053-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 053-2022 was adopted.

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".

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.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 028-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 028-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution No. 028-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 028-2022 was adopted.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 058-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,765,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, 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.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 058-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 058-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 058-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 058-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 059-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,805,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, 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.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 059-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 059-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 059-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 059-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 060-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND ADVANCE TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE PD BUILDING RENOVATION/ADDITION FUND 324; APPROPRIATING THIRTY-FIVE AND NO/DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FROM THE PD BUILDING RENOVATION/ADDITION FUND 324 TO THE 324-000-51000 EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 060-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 060-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 060-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 060-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 061-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL OF OHIO (PEP), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 061-2022 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 061-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 061-2022 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 061-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING A RESOLUTION FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CORNA KOKOSING TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES FOR THE POLICE STATION EXPANSION AND RENOVATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 031-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 031-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Resolution No. 031-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 031-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2022 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. 032-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 032-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 032-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 032-2022 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Councilmember Conison said the Halloween Walk would take place on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. It is being held at Whitehall Community Park followed by a movie.

Councilmember Elmore said there is a blood drive at the Whitehall Fire Department on October 12, 2022. Check the city's website for further information on how to register.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone in attendance, as there was such a nice turnout for the presentation. It was nice to see some familiar faces that she had not seen in a long time. She thanked those viewing from home also.

Chairperson Kantor thanked everyone for attending and viewing from home tonight. He thanked Mr. Woodruff for a great presentation.

Chairperson Heck said she echoes what everyone has said. It was nice to see everyone come out. She thanked those watching from home. She thanked Mr. Woodruff for the presentation and she is excited about the Legal Rams.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance. She said the postal service does work and she is glad to see that people are coming in. She is excited about the Whitehall Legal Rams.

Chairperson Bailey thanked Mr. Woodruff and said as in the past with the projects you have given the stakeholders at least a say in the design and everybody will be happy.

Chairperson Dixon said for the past few years that he has lamented city halls communication with the citizens in regards to things that are said and done. He thinks tonight was an excellent example of how that has changed. He wanted to say thank you for that and this is democracy in action. These folks were alerted to the facts, they came in, and their questions were answered. He is very happy about that. He thanked all the folks from Fairway Blvd. who came in tonight. He wanted to reiterate again, what he had said last year and that was the importance of everything that was discussed tonight with the presentation. He also is still a believer in representing the people with what they want. There is some thinking, at least as far as he is concerned that with what the citizens spoke about and he hopes there continues to be a line of communication between the citizens and Council as well as the administration regarding that project. He thanked everyone watching from home. He congratulated Mr. Bivens on the Legal Rams.

Chairperson Elmore thanked those that came out and those who are watching. She thinks Zach did a great job on the presentation, answering questions and concerns from the people on Fairway Blvd. She is looking forward to seeing what it will really look like. Change is difficult for many people, that street is known for its beauty, and their concerns are valid. She also wanted to thank them for all the thoughts that went into what was needed on that street. National Voter Registration Day was today and she hopes people got out to register to vote.

President Potter told Mr. Bivens it is wonderful about the Legal Rams and it must be exciting. He thinks City Administrator Woodruff did a fabulous job this evening with the presentation and there was some meaningful dialogue going back and forth. A lot of good information was disseminated this evening by getting the facts out ahead of the rumors helps to eliminate that.

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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President