

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Conison called the November 1, 2022 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of President Potter, Chairperson Bailey and Chairperson Kantor.

Councilor Conison reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the various required motions this evening.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said there were minor modifications to Ordinances 072-2022 and 073-2022, which then facilitated Ordinance 079-2022. The change was changing the not to exceed interest rate in both pieces, given the volatility of the market, on advice of counsel, it has been changed from not to exceed 6% to 8% as the maximum bond rate.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Thomas M. Potter, Council President

## WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – November 1, 2022

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Councilor Conison called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

At Councilor Conison'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:

Amy Smith  
Gerald Dixon  
Lori Elmore  
Karen Conison  
Jo Anna Heck

Ms. Elmore moved to excuse the absent members and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and President Potter, Chairperson Bailey and Chairperson Kantor were excused.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Dixon moved to approve the October 18, 2022, agenda and regular meeting minutes and the October 25, 2022 agenda and special 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.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Heck 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 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.

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 – she asked for consideration and passage of Ordinances 075-2022 and 069-2022 for passage this evening. She will be bringing forth legislation next week as she is preparing for budgetary items for 2023.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – he asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 069-2022, 072-2022, 073-2022 and 079-2022.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – he said City Attorney's Office handled two hundred eighty one cases in the month of October with fifty-one of those cases of a criminal nature committed by Whitehall residents. That is about eighteen percent. Year to date is about three thousand forty-one cases with five hundred twenty four cases of a criminal nature committed by Whitehall residents. That is about seventeen percent. His goal by the end of the year is to do a year-end wrap-up just to compare the Whitehall residents to non-Whitehall residents but also related to the latest census data. The city's population is growing at least by two percent since the last census data. The city is around twenty thousand five hundred residents now so that will have a major impact on what they are going to see of a crime nature. He wanted to tip his hat to Mayor Maggard and Chief Crispen for the Safer Whitehall Initiatives as it is having an effect, the word is out, the crime stats are very low and the word is out, if you are going to commit a crime, do not do it in Whitehall.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – had no official report.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– was not present.

Councilor Conison – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: The Mayors Report to Council for September 2022.

### COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for the November 3, 2022 Whitehall Planning Commission meeting.

### VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

Councilor Conison 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 066-2022 was read by title only by Councilor Conison:

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MAMA COMPANY, INC., WODA COOPER DEVELOPMENT, INC. OR A DESIGNEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Dixon introduced and moved to table Ordinance No. 066-2022 until November 15, 2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 066-2022 was tabled until November 15, 2022.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 068-2022 was read by title only by Councilor Conison:

AMENDING ORDINANCE 049-2022 IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 069-2022 was read by title only by Councilor Conison:

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-960-54500) TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-970-53300) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 069-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 069-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 069-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 069-2022 was adopted.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 072-2022 was read by title only by Councilor Conison:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,250,000.00 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, ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING ALL NECESSARY COMPUTER AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND CAMERAS AND THE INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A POLICE FIRING RANGE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 072-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 072-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 072-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 072-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 073-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF DISPATCH AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 073-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 073-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 073-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said he knows he speaks for the Mayor and all of the Administration that they want to thank the residents for their support in May. Their approval of the Safer Whitehall Levy is what is allowing them to be in a position with Ordinances 072-2022 and 073-2022 to be able to fulfill a promise made of doing a renovation and expansion of the Whitehall Division of Police and as Council was potentially preparing to pass this, they wanted to extend their appreciation to residents.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 073-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 074-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Smith introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 074-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 074-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 074-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 074-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 075-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$12,000.00) FROM THE 101.900.51000 LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSE ACCOUNT TO THE 101.900.51700 TRAINING/TUITION EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 075-2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 075-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 075-2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 075-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$465,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE 101.960.51200 POLICE SALARIES EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND THE 101.960.51300 RADIO OPERATORS SALARY EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 078-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO AEP OHIO ON PARCEL 090-008428-00 AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT A.

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 058-2022 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES AUTHORIZED IN THAT ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 079-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 079-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 079-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 079-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2022 *was read by title only by Councilor Conison:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS FOR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Heck said Saturday, November 5 at the YMCA there would be a Cupcake Decorating class. It begins at 0:30 a.m. and there is a charge of five dollars per family. Spaces are limited so sign-up early on the City of Whitehall Facebook page.

Chairperson Conison thanked Councilmembers Heck, Smith and Kantor out to volunteer for the Halloween Walk and movie night. It was well received even with changing the day and time. She gave an update on the Trunk or Treat event.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone watching from home and those who will watch the meeting later. She reminded everyone who did not get the card in the mail to check the website for the fall leaf-pick-up schedule. She told Councilor Conison she did a great job.

Chairperson Dixon thanked everyone viewing from Facebook. Next week is voting day and he wanted to take the last opportunity he had before people start heading to the polls to say how important it is to vote. He congratulated Madame Conison on her performance tonight with little or no rehearsal time.

Chairperson Elmore thanked Councilor Conison for doing a good job tonight. She thanked the viewers and wanted everyone to stay safe.

Chairperson Heck echoed what everyone else said. Great job tonight Councilor Conison. Thanks to everyone watching from home now or will later. Please get out and vote.

Councilor Conison thanked everyone for supporting her tonight.

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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Thomas M. Potter, Council President