

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2016

Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

At President Graham's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence which was followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by those assembled.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of council were present:

Karen Conison
Wes Kantor
Lee Stahley
Larry Morrison
Bob Bailey
Chris Rodriguez

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and Mr. Gregg was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2015, Agenda and Regular Meetings and the December 29, 2015, Special Meeting. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports this evening.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – welcomed the newly elected and appointed officials this evening. She said she is looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year. She also told Mr. Stahley that everyone here is willing to help him as he becomes accustomed to his new position.

City Attorney Mike Bivens – had no official report; however, he thanked everyone for coming out. He said he read the minutes of the December 15th meeting and he wanted to thank Mr. Shannon for his remarks. He said he has some big shoes to fill, but he hopes to get to walk and run in them. He said he is passionate about the law and it is the love of his life, second only to Joy Bivens, his wife. He said he is learning and he plans to keep regular office hours. For the record, he wanted everyone to have his city cell phone number, 403-1664. He said he loves the city of Whitehall; it has embraced him and his family from the beginning. He said after he ran against Mr. Shannon the first time he stayed engaged and served with Steve Quincel on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. He said he is a testament to the opportunity available in Whitehall by virtue of the opportunity the city has given him.

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Director of Development and Public Service Zach Woodruff – had no official report.

City Auditor Dan Miller – had no official report.

Director of Public Safety Chuck Underwood – had no report today. He wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – had no official report, but said he is very pleased to be here serving the city of Whitehall.

Council President Jim Graham - advised that no Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

1. Agenda for the January 7, 2016, meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing on Ordinance No. 108-2015 was been postponed to January 19, 2016.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES

President Graham 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 the four pieces of add-on legislation. The six present members all responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 095-2015 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FROM THE TRANSFER EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-950-59999) TO THE STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (201) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 095-2015, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 095-2015 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 108-2015 was read by title only by President Graham:

“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)(2) TO ALLOW SCOTT GODDARD TO OPERATE A PROJECTILE MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 127 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD (PARCEL NUMBER 090-000290-00), OWNED BY HGI-MIDWEST II LLC.”

President Graham previously referred Ordinance No. 108-2015 to the Whitehall Planning Commission and set a public hearing for January 5, 2016. The public hearing was been postponed

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to January 19, 2016. At this time, Mr. Kantor moved to table Ordinance No. 108-2015 to January 19, 2016. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 108-2015 was tabled to January 19, 2016.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 113-2015 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE POSITION OF CRIME ANALYST; AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 161.37(e)(2) TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND 161.38(a) SALARY SCHEDULE AND CHAPTER 141 POLICE DEPARTMENT.”

ORDINANCE NO. 116-2015 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROPRIATING FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CONTRACT DISPATCHERS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-960-51320) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced Ordinance No. 116-2015 and moved to suspend the rules, Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 116-2015 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 116-2015 was adopted.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 001-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO 161.14(d) FOR A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced Ordinance No. 001-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 001-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 001-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 002-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNE SQUARE DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA”

Mr. Kantor introduced Ordinance No. 002-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Kantor then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 002-2016 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 002-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 003-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EAST BROAD STREET DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced Ordinance No. 003-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 003-2016 and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 003-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 004-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MAIN STREET EAST COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Ordinance No. 004-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 004-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 004-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO REPEAL THE CITY OF WHITEHALL’S ENTERPRISE ZONE.”

Mr. Stahley introduced Ordinance No. 005-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 005-2016 and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 005-2016 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Events are listed on the City's Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Ms. Conison thanked everybody for coming and welcomed Mr. Stahley to Council. She noted they have all kinds of new faces with them as well as out in the audience. She urged everyone to come again.

Mr. Kantor also thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Mr. Stahley and said he knew he would do a good job and that he has a tremendous family.

Mr. Stahley thanked council for giving him the opportunity to serve and said he can't wait to get involved and to see where they can move forward.

Mr. Morrison welcomed the newly elected and appointed officials. He said it was nice to see such a crowd out there tonight. He wished everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Messrs. Bailey and Rodriguez said, "Ditto."

President Graham thanked everybody for coming. He said he really wanted to see some of them come back to the next meeting and that they would all love for them to do so.

Having nothing further, Mr. Stahley moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Churchman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2015.

Jim Graham, Council President