

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2016

Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 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:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING THE WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL BOYS’ BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2015-2016 SEASON.”

Ms. Conison introduced Resolution No. 014-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Ms. Conison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 014-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 014-2016 was adopted.

Ms. Conison read the Resolution in its entirety and presented ceremonial copies to members of the team and their coaches. They received a standing ovation from everyone present. Captain Antoine Vaughn thanked everybody for coming to their games and sticking like family and community. Coach Williams said that it means a lot to the kids when everyone comes out to watch their games. Two of the boys are college bound and another, possibly two others; actually pretty much all the seniors will be in college next year. He said they do each other proud as we do them proud by giving them our support. There was another standing ovation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2016, Agenda and Regular Meetings. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

POLL PUBLIC

Steve Carr, Parks and Recreation Director, 402 North Hamilton Road, spoke in support of Ordinance Nos. 036-2016 and 037-2016. He said that the criteria he based his opinion on were that the project must be good for the community, success begets success; it benefits our schools with additional revenue and no additional students. He said that Heartland has a reputation of

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community support and the parks will benefit to the tune of 2.1 million dollars going into the Park Improvement Endowment Fund. The project is supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff.

Jacquelyn Thompson, 287 Maplewood Avenue, spoke in opposition to Ordinance Nos. 036-2016 and 037-2016. She read off a number of objections, including additional noise and traffic within the park from 100 employees coming and going to work. She said that parks are not amenities, they are necessities. She urged council not to sell or lease any part of Whitehall Community Park.

Katie Quincel, 5047 Doral, said she has lived here 62 years and has been on the Parks and Recreation Commission since January of 2015. She said she whole-heartedly supports the sale of a portion of Whitehall Community Park that is used primarily as a park maintenance facility. She said there are countless benefits, including the income stream the taxes will provide. There will be many improvements to each park property in the city that will be funded by the Endowment Fund. This is an exciting time for Whitehall and she encouraged council to make a difference to the Whitehall citizens for today and the future.

Paul Werther said that Whitehall was blessed by Rockwell giving us the park. It costs a lot of money to care for it and selling off a little bit will gain a great deal. This is a good deal. Without change we wither and die so we have to change to grow and prosper.

There were no further comments.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey advised that they met. Their minutes are on file and they will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Engagement – Chairperson Conison advised that they also met and their minutes are on file. The committee will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Rodriguez reported that they met last week and their minutes are on file. They discussed the two Kroger ordinances. They too will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Chairperson Morrison announced that they too met. Their minutes are on file. They will meet sometime after 6:30 p.m. next week.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Gregg said that they met and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Stahley advised that they met also. Their minutes are on file. They discussed the legislation in their Committee. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor said that they met and their minutes are on file. They discussed Whitehall Community Park, little leagues and the armory. They too will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – reminded everyone that April 9th is shred day for Whitehall residents from 12 to 2 at City Hall. She said the city had a great basketball team this year. She also noted that her oldest daughter's birthday is tomorrow.

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City Attorney Michael Bivens – reported that in March they had 255 cases and only 84 were actual Whitehall residents. Since he mandated that cases set for trial will go to trial they have had four cases go to jury trial. He said we are sending a message that we are not only ready to go to trial, but we are going to go to trial. The Mock Court Program is proceeding at full steam ahead. He requested favorable consideration of Ordinance Nos. 036-2016 and 037-2016. He said the fact that Mayor Maggard has the vision and the heart to see something that will outlast her term as Mayor overwhelms his heart. As a citizen of Whitehall and thinking about what this can do for parks and schools he has to acknowledge that thinking outside the box takes a lot of guts. As he has reviewed the legislation, and heard from and spoken with residents, it is obvious that this will benefit the city in the long run. He said he wanted to remind everyone that the Golf Dome is a private, for profit organization. He said his office will litigate aggressively to benefit the citizens of Whitehall through that land.

Director of Development and Public Service Zach Woodruff – asked for favorable consideration of Ordinance No. 031-2016 and Resolution No. 022-2016. Earlier this week he said they awarded the North Hamilton Road Project and it will kick off later this month. He said it is a 180 day contract. He said they will be putting in a path from Hamilton and Poth all the way down into the Park. He said they hope to get curb and gutter on San Jose this fall and the County will be paying about 70% of that project.

City Auditor Dan Miller – noted that the income tax deadline is quickly upon us. His office will be open on Saturday, April 9th, and 16th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. On the 18th, which is the final day, they will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He requested favorable consideration on Ordinance Nos. 031-2016, 032-2016 and Resolution Nos. 024-2016, 025-2016 and 026-2016.

Director of Public Safety Chuck Underwood – was not present

Treasurer Steve Quincel – advised that the Key Bank Branch on South Hamilton Road is closing on the 29th of this month. He said he will have to take the city's deposits into Bexley. He said they have not been the easiest bank to work with so we will be preparing a new request for bid. This will take time and they won't have anything in place before the end of the month. He said they hope to get some of the things we want out of a new deal.

Council President Jim Graham - advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office: Auditor's Expense Report for February 2016; Auditor's Bank Report for February 2016; Auditor's Statement of Cash Position for February 2016; Auditor's Revenue Report for February 2016; the Mayor's Report to Council for February 2016; and, the Division of Fire Overtime Report for February 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

1. Minutes of the February 16, 2016, February 25, 2016, and March 15, 2016, meetings of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. Agenda for the April 7, 2016, meeting of the Whitehall Planning Commission.
3. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of the filing of an application for transfer of ownership of the C1, C2 and D6 liquor permits of BHAKTI INC., DBA Super Saver, 555 S. Hamilton Road to HARI KARUNA Inc., DBA Super Saver, 555 S. Hamilton Road.

PUBLIC HEARING

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President Graham advised that the two public hearings scheduled for this evening have been postponed to April 19, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 025-2016

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER GCD ZONING CLASS TO PERMIT THE KROGER COMPANY TO OPERATE A PHARMACY DRIVE THRU ON LAND LOCATED AT 3662 E. BROAD STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY TCCI BROAD, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 026-2016

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 SECTION 1123.10(C)(6) TO PERMIT THE KROGER COMPANY TO OPERATE A FUELING STATION ON LAND LOCATED AT 3662 E. BROAD STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY TCCI BROAD, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 any add-on legislation. All members all responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2016 (Amended 3/15/2016) was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONS OF ROYAL LANDING, LLC INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 023-2016 (Amended 3/15/2016). Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 023-2016 (Amended 3/15/2016) was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 025-2016 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 SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER GCD ZONING CLASS TO PERMIT THE KROGER COMPANY TO OPERATE A PHARMACY DRIVE THRU ON LAND LOCATED AT 3662 E. BROAD STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY TCCI BROAD, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

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Mr. Rodriguez moved to table Ordinance No. 025-2016 to April 19, 2016. Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 025-2016 was tabled to April 19, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 026-2016 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 SECTION 1123.10(C)(6) TO PERMIT THE KROGER COMPANY TO OPERATE A FUELING STATION ON LAND LOCATED AT 3662 E. BROAD STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY TCCI BROAD, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez moved to table Ordinance No. 026-2016 to April 19, 2016. Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 026-2016 was tabled to April 19, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 027-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN TAX EXEMPTIONS WITHIN THE EAST BROAD STREET DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AREA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE RELATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT.”

Mr. Morrison moved to table Ordinance No. 027-2016 to April 19, 2016. Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 027-2016 was tabled to April 19, 2016.

SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY AND APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING THE WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL LADY RAMS BOWLING TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2015-2016 SEASON.”

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 031-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,623,000.00) FROM THE HAMILTON ROAD IMPROVEMENT-ISSUE 2 ACCOUNT (309-000-53000) TO THE NORTH HAMILTON ROAD OPWC ISSUE 2 FUND (308), MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF 1 MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,623,000.00) FROM THE NORTH HAMILTON ROAD OPWC ISSUE 2 FUND (308) TO THE NORTH HAMILTON ROAD OPWC ISSUE 2 ACCOUNT (308-000-51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced Ordinance No. 031-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Gregg then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 031-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 031-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 032-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) FROM THE PERSONAL LEAVE BUYBACK ACCOUNT (101-900-51250) TO THE BANK FEES ACCOUNT (101-950-59650) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Ordinance No. 032-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 032-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 032-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 033-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE LEGAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101-900-51000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to amend Ordinance No. 033-2016 by changing the amount of the supplemental appropriation from “Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00) to “One Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00)”. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 033-2016 was amended as stated.

Mr. Bailey then moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 033-2016 (Amended 4/5/2016) and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 033-2016 (Amended 4/5/2016) and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 033-2015 (Amended 4/5/2016) was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 034-2016 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 1123.10 (c)(29) TO ALLOW BUCKEYE EXPRESS WASH, LLC TO OPERATE A CAR WASH FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3897 E. BROAD STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY SAGI REALTY, LLC.”

President Graham referred Ordinance No. 034-2016 to the Whitehall Planning Commission and set a public hearing before Council for May 3, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 035-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO SELL PARCELS 090-001623, 090-001018, 090-002025 TO HAMILTON CROSSING HOMES LLC TO CONSTRUCT A SENIOR HOUSING FACILITY KNOWN AS HAMILTON CROSSING.”

ORDINANCE NO. 036-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO SELL APPROXIMATELY SIX ACRES OF PROPERTY IN THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY PARK TO THE HEARTLAND BANK FOR ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS FACILITY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 037-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING THE CREATION OF FUND (304) PARK IMPROVEMENTS ENDOWMENT FUND.”

ORDINANCE NO. 038-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-950-59850) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Ordinance No. 038-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 038-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 038-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PLACE AARON HOLMAN, CITY OF WHITEHALL POLICE DISPATCHER AT A STEP C IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 17.2 OF THE CURRENT LABOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Stahley introduced Resolution No. 019-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Resolution No. 019-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 019-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM STATE CHAMPION ANA ABDULJELIL.”

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING THE WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2015-2016 SEASON.”

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF ABM BUILDING SOLUTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced Resolution No. 022-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Gregg then moved to adopt Resolution No. 022-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 022-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL LADY RAMS BOWLING TEAM STATE CHAMPION MADISON STIFFLER.”

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

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Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 024-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 024-2016 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 024-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 025-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 025-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 025-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 026-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 026-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 026-2016 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 026-2016 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

Jacquelyn Thompson, 287 Maplewood, asked, “How are you preserving my neighborhood when there are five up for sale/rent?” She said that traffic is ruining Maplewood. The woods should be stable neighborhoods. She said she doesn’t even like being in her own front yard anymore. Now they allow chickens in the neighborhoods. She asked City Attorney Bivens why he thinks 75% of cases are due to strangers and she stated that we attract them by the type of commercialization and rental properties we have. Now they are selling off Whitehall’s beautiful park.

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Events are listed on the City’s Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Gregg thanked everyone for coming. He said that personally, he is really proud of the coaches. They are doing a great job and there is a lot of character building going on.

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Ms. Conison thanked everybody for coming. One thing about our high school kids is that they are so polite and respectful. She said that when she goes over to the school they hold doors for her, and they say "yes, ma'am," etc. She said we have the most fantastic kids at our schools and the proof of that is here tonight.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for coming. He said they have a true leader in this coach. Good to see this kids going to college, it is a really good thing. He said this would be his last public appearance perhaps until June. He said he will be back after his surgery. He said his brother lives on Maplewood and the Kroger move will relieve congestion on that street. He said he has always been against selling park land, but this is an opportunity and he supports it as it is a really big step for our city.

Mr. Stahley thanked everybody for coming. He wished Mr. Kantor well in his upcoming recovery. He expressed appreciation to the school board members and superintendent for creating champions and future city leaders. He said they are doing a fantastic job. He also thanked Director Woodruff and Mayor Maggard for bringing businesses to our city. He said that Heartland Bank coming here is a huge opportunity.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the school and park representatives for their support for the venture being undertaken and he thanked council for their support.

Mr. Bailey thanked everyone for coming. He said he appreciates everything the City Attorney shared this evening. He said he can just imagine the possibilities with the Mayor's direction and the schools and the Parks and Recreation Commission and everyone working together. He said that for the first time in a long time he feels really positive for our community. Sometimes you can't grow unless you let go of something. Then you can gain so much more. It is pretty exciting.

Mr. Rodriguez said there was little left to say, but that it was great to see everyone this evening.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming out this evening. He said that in five years this is going to be a whole new ballgame. It is going to lay out what the city will be like for the next 20 to 25 years as the stage is set for everything else down the line.

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 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Churchman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2016.

Jim Graham, Council President