

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2016

Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

At President Graham's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by those assembled.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2016 agenda and regular meetings. 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

Mr. Timothy Kraft, representing the Auditor of State's Office, 88 E. Broad St., presented the Auditor State Award of Distinction to City Auditor Dan Miller. He noted this is the highest award the state gives and that it is very hard to receive. He explained that this is the second consecutive year Auditor Miller has received this award.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

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

Economic Development – Chairperson Morrison reported that they met last week and 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 last week and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Stahley said they met last week and their minutes are on file. He explained that today is a big day in public safety. The Police Department opened their own

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Facebook page so everyone can now get news straight from the source. Also starting today is the Text a Tip program, which is a great way to communicate to the Police Department without using an emergency line. The Safety Committee will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor said that they met last week and their minutes are on file. They too will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – She asked for favorable consideration of Ordinance Nos. #083-2016 and #085-2016. She explained that Rebuilding Together Central Ohio has picked Whitehall again for the third year. They will be working on the Glencoe neighborhood in 2017. Council will be seeing a \$20,000 match in the budget from the city. This program helps our residents as well as improving home values. She also announced that starting today the Police Department has a new Facebook page and a Text A Tip program. She stated a Police twitter account was started a few months ago. The city wanted to start the Facebook page and Text A Tip the same time school started because we know a lot of young people use their phones for everything. She thanked Councilman Stahley for suggesting the Text A Tip program.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – He stated that Mayors court was very busy today and had no problems. He thanked Mayor Maggard and Director Woodruff for bringing to his attention the Langport Home Association. Historically they were an association and were in operation for a number of years. The association is no longer in operation. Therefore, the City Attorney's office developed a leadership model lead by Jason Thomas. He coordinated a meeting at City Hall for the community and about 30 residents showed up. They are fully aware of their responsibility towards the property and are now going to be active in taking care of it.

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

City Auditor Dan Miller – He stated that it is an honor to receive the Auditor State Award of Distinction for the second year in a row. This award is the highest award given by the Auditor of State for excellence in financial reporting. He said that he has been fortunate to have had two good mentors to go to for advice, Mayor Maggard and Deputy Auditor Diane Easterday. Diane retired at the end of the year after 24 years with the City. He relies on the advice of our City Attorneys and outside council for legal matters. He has a good relationship with the audit team and he turns to them regularly for answers on best practices in government accounting. He can't say enough about his staff. They know their jobs and are courteous and professional when dealing with the public. Lastly, he would like to thank all those people along with every Department Head and Administration for the part they played in achieving this recognition. The city can take pride in knowing that this was a team effort and you helped.

Safety Director Chuck Underwood – Was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – Was not present..

Council President Jim Graham said the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting:

A. Mayor's Report to Council for July 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

There were no items this evening.

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 responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING

There was no legislation for third reading.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2016 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)(34) TO ALLOW EMPIRE SQUARE LLC TO OPERATE AN ADULT DAYCARE FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4371 E. BROAD STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY BOARD LIBRARY TRUSTEES.”

President Graham previously referred Ordinance No. 077-2016 to the Whitehall Planning Commission and set a public hearing before Council for September 6, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 080-2016 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 1123.12(c)(5) TO ALLOW DENT MAGIC USA LLC TO OPERATE A PAINTLESS DENT REMOVAL FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 171C AND 171D N. HAMILTON RD., PROPERTY OWNED BY HGI-MIDWEST LLC.”

President Graham previously referred Ordinance No. 080-2016 to the Whitehall Planning Commission and set a public hearing before Council for September 6, 2016.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 083-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/DOLLARS (\$27,500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FLEET FUND 313 TO THE FLEET FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT 313.000.50000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 083-2016 and 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.

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Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 083-2016 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 083-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 084-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS FROM THE 101-960-51320 CONTRACT DISPATCHERS EXPENSE ACCOUNT TO THE 101-960-51300 DISPATCHERS SALARIES EXPENSE ACCOUNT.”

ORDINANCE NO. 085-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AMENDING 161.12(b)(1), 161.37(d) AND 161.38(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 085-2016 and 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.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 085-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 085-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 086-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SEVENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST SETASIDE FORFEITURE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241-000-51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 086-2016 and 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 Ordinance No. 086-2016 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 086-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 048-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS ENERGY ACTION MONTH.”

RESOLUTION NO. 049-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO (ADDRESSES AND PARCEL NUMBERS AS PROVIDED WITHIN THE

TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION), CERTIFYING SUCH COSTS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST SUCH PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced Resolution No. 049-2016 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 Resolution No. 049-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 049-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 050-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 050-2016 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. 050-2016 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 050-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 051-2016 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. 051-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 051-2016 was adopted.

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to increase Senior Council Clerk salary 2.25% and make it retroactive to January 1, 2016, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and the Senior Council Clerk salary was increased.

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There were no comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Events are listed on the City’s Website.

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Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Auditor Miller on the award and stated he has had many people tell him when they come to the Auditor's office everyone is so polite and helpful. He also thanked Mr. Stahley for all the hard work starting the Text A Tip program and how great it is for the kids out there.

Mr. Stahley thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Auditor Miller for winning the award. He thanked Mayor Maggard and Ms. Martineau on the hard work they dedicated on getting the Text A Tip program started. He thinks it will be great for the community.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Auditor Miller and his staff for the award.

Mr. Bailey stated how nice it was to see everyone and said what a great job the auditor's office is doing. He hopes everyone has a good evening.

Mr. Rodriguez said ditto. He welcomed a lady in the audience from Killeen Texas.

Mr. Gregg thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Auditor Miller. He stated the city is proud of Auditor Miller and what he has done. He thanked Mr. Stahley for looking out for the kids and the community.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Auditor Miller. She congratulated the Whitehall City Schools for also winning the Auditor State Award of Distinction. She thanked Mr. Stahley, Mayor Maggard and Ms. Martineau for a great job on the Text A Tip program. She stated that these kind of resources and technology encourages our youth.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming and thanked Auditor Miller for doing a great job. He stated that he feels that he has been doing a great job since he started as Auditor.

Having nothing further, Mr. Rodriguez 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: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2016.

Jim Graham, Council President