

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2016

Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 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.

POLL PUBLIC

Joy Bivens, 4985 Doral Avenue, explained that she was at council tonight to announce that there will be a Franklin County Community Resource Symposium in Whitehall on October 22, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Whitehall Yearling High School. She explained that they currently have 300 participants from Franklin County government agencies who will discuss the services they provide. Ms. Bivens explained the importance of educating our community on what resources are available to them. She is personally inviting council to be a part of this event. She said not only does she represent a Franklin County Agency, but she also represents Whitehall and she would like to see her Whitehall family there. She feels this is an opportunity for Whitehall to shine.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that they discussed several Ordinances and Resolutions. 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. They will meet again 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 will meet again 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 discussed Ord. 097-2016 and Res. 064-2016. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

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Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Gregg said that they met last week and discussed several Ordinances and Resolutions. 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. They discussed Ord. 101-2016. 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 discussed construction of new basketball courts at Whitehall Community Park. He thanked Mayor Maggard for moving forward on that project. They too will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – reminded everyone that tomorrow there will be a town hall meeting discussing Fourth of July fireworks. It will be held at Whitehall High School at 6:30 p.m. She stated how happy she was that the Splash Pad bids all came back under estimate so the city can move forward on that project.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – thanked everyone for coming tonight. He reminded everyone that it is Domestic Violence month and they will see purple ribbons and a banner around the City. He explained that Domestic Violence is not just battered women; it affects many people including children. He said that last year there were 4500 Domestic Violence cases in Franklin County. Out of those 4500 cases, 800 were Whitehall residents. He stated that these people do not have to go through this alone there is a Domestic Violence help line at 1-800-779-SAFE. He stated there were 190 cases in Mayor's Court this month and only 50 of those cases were Whitehall residents. He explained that he was able to get data for this year from the new Crime Analyst. He reported that there were 2642 arrests in the city and only 800 were Whitehall residents. He was really excited to announce that the Columbus Urban League will be coming to Mayor's Court every week to help with work force development. This will include life style changes and closing the pathway for bad thinking. This will also include a career coach that individuals can get advice from in the future. President Graham asked Attorney Bivens if the statistics regarding Whitehall residents are posted on the city's website. He stated that he thinks that people have a lot of misconceptions about Whitehall and that can be changed with solid facts and figures. Ms. Martineau said that they have discussed that, but it has not been done yet.

Director of Service and Development Zach Woodruff – was not present.

City Auditor Dan Miller – Had no official report.

Safety Director Chuck Underwood – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – Had no official report.

Council President Jim Graham - advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Treasurer's Investment Report for April 2016; and, the Division of Fire Overtime Report for August 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

1. The Agenda for the October 6, 2016, meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

There was no legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 094-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM THE CITY HALL BUILDING LOT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-950-53300) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-970-53000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 094-2016 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 094-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 094-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 095-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE BUILDING AND LOT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (201.000.54500) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101); MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-970-53000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 095-2016 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 095-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 095-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 096-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE INSPECTION DEPOSIT FUND (804) TO THE INSPECTION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (804-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 096-2016 and 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 Ordinance No. 096-2016 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 096-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 097-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND HEART OF OHIO FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS TO ENABLE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND THE CREATION OF JOBS AT THE REDEVELOPED PROPERTY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE MAIN-HAMILTON INCENTIVE DISTRICT TO MAKE A JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PAYMENT UNDER THAT AGREEMENT.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 097-2016 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Morrison then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 097-2016 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 097-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 098-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$25,000.000) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE TRANSFER EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101.950.59999; APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) FROM THE 101.950.59999 TRANSFER EXPENSE ACCOUNT TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND 505.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 098-2016 and Ms. Conison 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. 098-2016 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 098-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 099-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) FROM THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND 505 TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT 505.000.51000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 099-2016 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. 099-2016 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 099-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 76/100 DOLLARS (\$614.76) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) 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. 101-2016 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. 101-2016 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 101-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 061-2016 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 and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 061-2016 and 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.

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Mr. Gregg then moved to adopt Resolution No. 061-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 061-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 062-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 062-2016 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 062-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 062-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 063-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 063-2016 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 063-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 063-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 064-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PAYROLL INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH BRAKING POINT RECOVERY CENTER OF OHIO TO OPERATE A MEDICAL CLINIC AT 4040 E. BROAD ST., WHITEHALL OHIO.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 064-2016 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. Morrison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 064-2016 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 064-2016 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Events are listed on the City’s website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Bailey thanked Attorney Bivens and Ms. Bivens for all their hard work professionally and personally. He hopes everyone has a good week.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Bivens and said she is a breath of fresh air.

Mr. Gregg thanked everyone for coming and thanked Mrs. Bivens and Attorney Bivens. He hopes everyone has a good evening.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for coming. She said that she is noticing all the great services that Whitehall has to offer like eye care and work force training and wonders if other cities have these opportunities. She stated that we need to spread the word on the tremendous resources that this city has to offer. She said this city is doing great things.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone again and stated that it is also Breast Cancer Awareness month, which is extremely important.

Mr. Stahley said he would like to ditto everyone's comments. He said how much he appreciates the statistics that Attorney Bivens gives regarding Whitehall residents.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming.

President Graham also thanked everyone for coming and said he hopes that everyone enjoys the weather while they still can.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2016.

Jim Graham, Council President