

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – January 14, 2020

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Council President Potter called the January 14, 2020 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Thomas Potter  
Mayor Kim Maggard  
City Attorney Michael Bivens  
Auditor Dan Miller  
Treasurer Steve Quincel  
Director Zach Woodruff  
Econ. Dev. Manager Jenna Goehring

Council Members

Chris Rodriguez  
Wes Kantor  
Larry Morrison  
JoAnna Heck  
Karen Conison  
Lori Elmore  
Bob Bailey

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Potter said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda for Committee of the Whole.

At this time, the meeting moved to the City Council room. The recorder in this room would not record due to a malfunction.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 7:20 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2020 – Draft # 1

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

*(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 01/21/2020– Bailey/Heck)*

There was no discussion on Resolution 001-2020.

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 7:21 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:30 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 002-2020 – Draft # 2

AMENDING SECTION 903.32 PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON LAWNS PROHIBITED TO INCLUDE REAR YARDS.

Code Enforcement Officer Walt Sural and Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer Steve Brown gave background information on the issues of vehicles, boats and trailers parked on non-impervious surfaces. This legislation will add rear yards to the standard already in place for front and side yards. Code Enforcement Officer Walt Sural referenced multiple properties in Whitehall and the code violations these properties have. He had a slide show presentation for council members.

Code Enforcement Officer Walt Sural said there are 50 – 100 properties in the city with violations at this time. Property owners will be notified in person of the violations. If a person is unable to be notified in person then they will be sent written notification with a date for compliance.

At this time, Director Woodruff, Code Enforcement Officer Walt Sural and Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer Steve answered question from council members.

*(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 02/18/2020–Rodriguez/Kantor)*

ORDINANCE NO. 003-2020 – Draft # 3

AMENDING SECTION 1126.13, LIMITATION OF PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO ADD A LOT MAXIMUM FOR IMPERVIOUS PARKING AREA.

This legislation will enforce the total of all impervious surfaces, which includes the house, garage, shed, patios, accessory structures and driveways, shall not exceed 50% of the lot are of the property if the lot is under 7,500 square feet. If the lot is more than 7,500 square feet, the total of all impervious surfaces, shall not exceed 4500 square feet of the lot coverage on the premises. A resident can make a reasonable request to the BZBA for a variance.

Director Woodruff said this amendment is not overly restrictive.

At this time, Director Woodruff, Code Enforcement Officer Walt Sural and Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer Steve answered question from council members.

*(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 02/18/2020–Rodriguez/Morrison)*

ORDINANCE NO. 004-2020 – Draft # 4

AMENDING SECTION 1123.10 (C) TITLED GENERAL COMMERCE DISTRICT SPECIAL PERMIT USES IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TO ADD BREWERY AND DISTILLERY FACILITIES.

Economic Development Manager Jenna Goehring said that breweries and distilleries are a trend seen at this time. This legislation will add breweries and distilleries to the General Commerce District and must apply for special permits under the GCD zoning. Buzzsaw Brewing Company has shown interest in coming to Whitehall.

*(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 02/18/2020–Rodriguez/Elmore)*

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2020 – Draft # 5

AMENDING 1125.17 (d) STORAGE OF GARBAGE AT NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

Director Woodruff and Code Enforcement Officer Walt Sural discussed the storage of garbage at non-residential structures. Section 1125.17 was amended to reflect the effective date for compliance as January 1, 1996. Due to lack of compliance over the past twenty plus years, the date of full compliance

will be amended to before September 1, 2020. This is a way for the city to say we are giving you fair notice for compliance.

*(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 02/18/2020–Rodriguez/Kantor)*

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 7:19 p.m.

### COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 7:21 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Director Woodruff introduced Megan Meyer, Community Affairs Manager to members of council.

Chairperson Elmore reminded everyone that on Monday, January 20, 2020 there is a Martin Luther King Celebration at 360 S. Yearling Road from 10:00 a.m. until noon. There is a recruiting breakfast is being sponsored by the Whitehall-Bexley Rotary on Friday, January 17, 2020 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Bexley Giant Eagle Market Place. The Whitehall Education Foundation's 6th Annual Honors Celebration is being held at Jefferson Golf & Country Club on Friday, January 31st, at 6:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now at our administration building (625 S. Yearling Rd.).

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 7:24 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 7:25 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Director Woodruff gave an update on the Woodcliff Dome site. The process to choose a developer is under way and more details will be forthcoming. He is hoping to see action on the property by the end of the year. Captain D's, Tacos Fogoncito and Shrimp Hut are all still slowly moving forward. Discussions with Kroger's on the East Broad Street property development are still ongoing.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 7:29 p.m.

### INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 7:25 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 7:25 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 7:29 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Morrison opened a discussion in regards to parking on both sides of the streets in Whitehall. Mayor Kim Maggard will have the safety forces chiefs' check for areas that are issues for the safety forces.

There was discussion on the Whitehall Police department's cell phone sting at the Whitehall Walmart and its success.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 7:31 p.m.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 7:31 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor has spoken with Director Sorrell and she said there were about 80 people who attended the movie Abominable on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the YMCA. The YMCA is pleased with enrollment numbers.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 7:32 p.m.

There was discussion on committee appointments among members of council. Members decided that the 2020 – 2021 committees are to stay the same as the 2017-2019 term.

There was discussion on Rules of Procedure for 2020 - 2021 among members of council. Members decided they needed time to review and will discuss later.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council