

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – February 23, 2021

Council President Potter called the February 23, 2021 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration
Council President Potter
Mayor Kim Maggard (remotely)
Auditor Dan Miller (remotely)

Council Members
Wes Kantor
Larry Morrison
Bob Bailey
Jo Anna Heck
Karen Conison
Lori Elmore

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no discussion in Committee of the Whole.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 6:31 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2021 - DRAFT # 1

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$22,660.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE ACREAGE FEES FUND (854) TO THE ACREAGE FEES ACCOUNT (854-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey said the City of Whitehall collects sewer capacity fees and then pays these fees to the City of Columbus.

Auditor Miller joined the meeting remotely and explained that the City of Whitehall underestimated the amount of work to be done in 2020 and there is a need to increase the appropriation to keep up with the work being done in the City.

(Admin/Fin. Mgt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/02/2021–Bailey/Morrison)

~~ORDINANCE NO. 012-2021 – DRAFT # 2~~

~~AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE AEP GRANT FUND (264) AND APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE AEP GRANT FUND (264) TO THE AEP GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (264.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.~~

Auditor Miller pulled this legislation on 02/23/2021 prior to the committee meeting.

~~*(Admin/Fin. Mgt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/02/2021 – Bailey/)*~~

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2021 - DRAFT # 3

MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO AND 06/100 DOLLARS (\$33,082.06) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey said in 2020 monies were appropriated for the purpose of repayment of North Hamilton Road Improvements and the Auditor of State requires bond retirement payments and other long-term debt be paid from the Debt Service Fund.

(Admin/Fin. Mgt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 03/16/2021–Bailey/Conison)

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2021 - DRAFT # 4

MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$39,682.88) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey said in 2020 monies were appropriated for the purpose of repayment of the Capital Lease for energy upgrades to City Hall, the Garage and Police Department and the Auditor of State requires bond retirement payments and other long-term debt be paid from the Debt Service Fund.

(Admin/Fin. Mgt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/06/2021–Bailey/Conison)

Having no further business, Councilperson Bailey closed at 6:35 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:35 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Community Standards and Enforcement.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:35 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:35 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Elmore said she realizes that many people do not have the means to read many things on the website. Information on Covid-19 vaccination sites, times and schedules can be found on the website. She reminded everyone that we are still on a Level 3 which means a very high exposure and spread, residents should limit their activities as much as possible, all current health order must be included such as facial coverings, social distancing, limiting to groups of no more than ten, staying home if you are sick and remember to wash your hands. Reimagine Transit: East-West Corridor Public meeting is being held online. Check the City of Whitehall's website for more information. Senior Food Program, Victory Ministries Center of Hope is offering a monthly senior food program for income eligible senior's ages 60 years and over and below 130 percent of the poverty level. Call 614-252-2500 ext. 216 for more information. This is the last day of Black History Month and Speak Up/Speak Out, a series on social justice featuring community leaders discussing a book or film from a collection, kicking off the documentary; I am Not Your Negro on Wednesday, February 24. Learn more at <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/speak-up-speak-out>. The City's website, Senior Center gives resources for food distributions.

Chairperson Kantor said there was a food give-away at Etna Road Elementary and they gave away over 200 boxes containing vegetables, boxed goods and meat.

Chairperson Heck said the Whitehall School District is still supplying lunch and breakfast to students at each of the schools. Children should have received a P-EBT card so watch out for them.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:42 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:43 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 009-2021 (Econ. Dev. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 03/02/2021–Morrison/Conison)
APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$18,500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE MAIN YEARLING INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279-000-50001); MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$18,500.00) FROM THE MAIN YEARLING INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279-000-50001) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/PROJECT FUND (311); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$18,500.00) FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/PROJECT FUND (311) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (311-000-54000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:44 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:44 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Infrastructure, Maintenance and Service.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 6:44 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 6:44 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 015-2021 – DRAFT # 5
CREATING ACCOUNT FURTHERANCE OF JUSTICE AND K-9 EXPENSE ACCOUNT (244.000.50000); APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY AND 08/100 DOLLARS (\$5,890.08) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FORFEITURE FUND (244) TO THE FURTHERANCE OF JUSTICE AND K-9 EXPENSE ACCOUNT (244.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Elmore recognized the three officers who responded to a life-threatening emergency on January 12, 2021. The three officers were Ptl. Stonerock #104, Ptl. White #105, and Ptl. McGee #109.

Chairperson Kantor wished the three new Fire Fighters good luck and welcomed them to the City of Whitehall.

(Public Safety- 1st Reading – ADOPT 03/02/2021- Conison/Kantor)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 6:47 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:47 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor gave a big shout out to Director Sorrell and her staff for being one of three finalists for the 2020 Governor's Award. The Parks events are scheduled according to covid-19 and will be distance events. They are playing it safe and have not announce many dates yet. Market on the Green will focus on local and Ohio growers. You can get more information on the City of Whitehall's webpage.

Chairperson Heck said families could sign up for the cooking class at the YMCA. Space is limited so sign up early on the website. This program is free.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:49 p.m.

President Potter adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council