

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the March 16, 2021 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Rodriguez.

President Potter reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the various required motions this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2021.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – March 16, 2021

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

At President Potter's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Chairperson Rodriguez was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the March 02, 2021, agenda and regular meeting. 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:

No comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Elmore reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Public Safety – Chairperson Conison reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

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

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – was not present.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – joined remotely. He thanked members of Council for receiving the City Attorney Resident Reports for the past several months. He apologized for not being able to be heard at the last Council meeting. He has February 2021 report as it relates to all cases prosecuted by the City Attorney's office. The total number of cases for February was 119 with 11 of those cases of a criminal nature committed by Whitehall residents. That is 9 percent. He intends to come back to Council meetings as soon as he receives his vaccine as well as his family also. He congratulated Mayor Maggard in advance for a job well done as she has been working hard on the State of the City Address.

City Auditor Dan Miller – joined remotely. He has no official report other than what was before Council this evening.

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

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – was not present.

President Potter – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Auditor's Expense Report for February 2021, the Auditor's Bank Report for February 2021, the Auditor's Statement of Cash Position Report for February 2021, the Auditor's Revenue Report for February 2021, the Treasurers Investment Report for February 2021, the Treasurers Activity by Fund Report for February 2021, the Treasurers Fund Reconciliation Report for February 2021, the Mayors Report to Council for February 2021 and the City Attorneys Resident Report for February 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new C1 liquor permit for WALGREEN CO., DBA WALGREENS 07942, 4617 EAST MAIN STREET, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.
2. Minutes for the February 17, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
3. Agenda for the March 10, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Potter 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. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2021 (*Admin/Fin. Mgt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 03/16/2021–Bailey/Conison*)

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.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 013-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 013-2021 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 013-2021 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 013-2021 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2021 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 016-2021 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

RECLASSIFYING A PORTION OF A FUND ADVANCE AS A FUND TRANSFER.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2021 (*Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/16/2021–Bailey/Morrison*)

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 006-2021 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 006-2021 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 006-2021 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 006-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2021 (*Public Safety – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/16/2021–Conison/Heck*)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 007-2021 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 007-2021 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution No. 007-2021 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 007-2021 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-2021 (*Public Safety – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/16/2021–Conison/Kantor*)

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE 2020 BULLETPROOF VESTS GRANT ACCOUNT (252-000-53000); ADVANCING TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,700.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FORFEITURE FUND (243) TO THE BULLETPROOF VESTS GRANT FUND (252); MAKING A FUND TRANSFER OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,700.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FORFEITURE FUND (243) TO THE BULLETPROOF VESTS GRANT FUND (252); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,400.00) FROM THE BULLETPROOF VESTS GRANT FUND (252) TO THE 2020 BULLETPROOF VESTS GRANT ACCOUNT (252-000-53000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 017-2021 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 017-2021 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 017-2021 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 017-2021 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Elmore said the State of the City Address is being held on March 18 at 6:30 p.m., you will need to register and it will be a virtual event this year.

Chairperson Kantor said the opening for Norton Crossing Park is May 1, 2021. Market on the Green! This dynamic market will feature live music, adult beverage vendors and more! Starting on Tuesday, June 1 through August 31 at Norton Crossing. Get details and submit your vendor application online here: <https://whitehall-oh.us/582/Market-on-the-Green>.

Chairperson Conison said the Easter Bunny is coming to town thanks to WCCA. The date is April 3 beginning at 10:00 am. The bunny's route is on the WCCA Facebook page.

POLL COUNCIL:

Ms. Elmore said she wanted to thank everyone for listening and attending the meeting on Facebook live. She gave an update on the Senior Center. Per the Governor, activities can be hosted when there is adequate staffing. The Parks department has posted a job description for an Active Living Coordinators position who will assist in opening and running activities for adults including senior programs. They have to follow numerous guidelines. While the senior center is closed, the time shall be used to provide necessary maintenance such as floor finishing and painting. As other plans are solidified, more information will be provided. Heart of Ohio Family Health Center has vaccines available and the marketing director will keep her up to date as additional vaccines arrive. You can follow them on Facebook and Twitter for times and vaccine availability. Victory Ministries Center of Hope senior food program will be coordinating with some of the senior living facilities and have fliers available because some of the seniors have transportation issues. They will actually deliver the boxes to the senior facilities, with programming beginning as early as April 2021. The juvenile diversion program has had two juveniles successfully complete the program as of February 2021.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for watching and she reminded everyone about the State of the City Address on Thursday.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for watching. He reminded everyone that you do have to have tickets for the State of the City on Thursday. He stated that Mr. Rodriguez is getting better and he knows that Mr. Rodriguez is watching Facebook Live. He is stable and they cannot wait until he returns to his seat on Council.

Ms. Heck thanked everyone for tuning in. She hopes everyone tunes in to the State of the City on Thursday.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for watching. He stated that they missed Mr. Rodriguez and hoped to see him soon.

Bob Bailey said he had no comments tonight.

President Potter had no comments and he wanted Mr. Rodriguez to know he is in their thoughts.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2021.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President