

EMERGENCY SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – MAY 26, 2020

President Potter called the Emergency Special Meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

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

Chris Rodriguez
Wes Kantor
Larry Morrison
Jo Anna Heck
Karen Conison
Lori Elmore
Robert Bailey

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 present members responded in the affirmative.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 046-2020 (was read by title only by President Potter)

TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF A REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A NEW PROJECT IN THE AIR SOUTH COMMERCE PARK WITHIN THE POTH ROAD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF NEW JOBS WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE RELATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT.

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 046-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 046-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Morrison then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 046-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 046-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2020 (was read by title only by President Potter)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CERELIA BAKERY USA INC. SEEKING TO LOCATE AT 430 N. YEARLING ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Director Woodruff stated this is a new development in the Air South Commerce Park. A new bakery is looking to locate to the northeast corner of Poth Road and Yearling Road. They will purchase twenty acres along Yearling Road with the purpose of constructing a 160,000 square foot commercial bakery. They have been working with the Development Department for several months. These two pieces of legislation will allow the Mayor Maggard, Economic Development Manager Jenna Goehring and Economic Development Director Woodruff to execute all the necessary documents for the incentive they have offered to them and the tax abatement which has been approved by Whitehall City Schools. Within three years, it is believed this new employer will add one hundred twenty new jobs to the community and a payroll of seven and one half million dollars. They are very excited to welcome them to the community. This represents nearly a forty-million-dollar capital investment into the community and ultimately the facility could be expanded up to four hundred fifty thousand square feet. This is a very significant invest in the community with a significant amount of real jobs and great payroll. He thanked Council for their consideration on this matter.

Director Woodruff answered question in regard to the location of the new facility.

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 015-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 015-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Morrison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 015-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 015-2020 was adopted.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all present members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President