

# WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – June 09, 2020

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Council President Potter called the June 09, 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  
Development Director Zach Woodruff

Council Members

Chris Rodriguez  
Larry Morrison  
Karen Conison  
Lori Elmore  
Bob Bailey

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ORDINANCE NO. 049-2020 – Draft # 1

TO AFFIRM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DECLARATION ASSERTING THAT RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND THE CITY OF WHITEHALL RECOGNIZES AND AFFIRMS THAT BLACK, BROWN AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR LIVE EVERYDAY UNDER THE UNJUST BURDENS OF SYSTEMATIC CULTURAL AND INDIVIDUAL RACISM AND TO SET FORTH APPROPRIATE AND MEASURABLE ACTIONS TO COMBAT RACISM IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL SO THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT BETTER SERVE AS A MODEL OF INCLUSIVENESS AND EQUITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Elmore read the draft legislation by title. She said there are quite a few “Whereas” in here but she wanted to say that this piece of legislation is very timely and also needed. She went back to the MLK celebration where Joy Bivens presented the Franklin County Rise Together portion, which is a part of the Whereas and by the grace of God, we do not have a Ferguson, a Minneapolis, a Brunswick, Georgia or a Louisville, Kentucky issue. She thinks it is incumbent upon everyone to recognize that racism is a real issue. It is an epidemic and that the issue needs to be dealt with. She believes that this piece of legislation speaks to it in its entirety. It is a start and she appreciates Mayor Maggard, President Tom Potter and City Attorney Michael Bivens for their input and information to ensure that they are on the right page in getting this legislation moved forward. This piece of legislation is very timely as she has received a phone call from a Whitehall resident, who takes care of her grandchildren is being threatened by a neighbor. The police had to be called. The issue is with All Black Lives Matter. She was told that her life does not matter and the neighbor said he did not give a “expletive” about her life. She believes we just need to do better and that we are doing better. She asked that Council pass this piece of legislation for the betterment of Whitehall and the citizens and the community that we serve. Thank you.

Mayor Maggard asked that this legislation be passed on first reading and she feels it would be a good thing if it is passed on first reading. The faster plans can be solidified we can move forward in the planning for the remainder of the year, next year and the years to come.

President Potter said if all of Council was in agreement they would pass this legislation on first reading. There were no objections by Councilmembers.

*(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 06/16/2020- Elmore/Bailey)*

**THIRD READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 041-2020**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO SELL APPROXIMATELY .2 ACRES OF PARCELS 090-005410 AND 090-001974 TO CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

Director Woodruff said he wanted to go over this once again so that the public understands. Last year, the City, through an Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant acquired the two parcel's where the check cashing business was located at the southwest corner of Broad and Hamilton. This remnant that we are asking for authorization to sell is the excess piece once the lot split is completed. This is an excess piece that is not necessary for the right-of-way improvements or the Broad and Hamilton intersection improvement project. Again, it represents very little value because it does not have right-of-way frontage and will be combined with the parcel immediately to the south or to the west. He just wanted to make sure people understood what this was.

*(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 06/16/2020- Elmore/Rodriguez)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 014-2020**

APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP-WHITEHALL JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

Director Woodruff said he wanted to make everyone aware that it is their intent to appoint Jenna Goehring, Economic Development Manager as that appointee to the JEDD Board.

Chairperson Morrison asked Director Woodruff how long the appointment was for.

Director Woodruff replied that he did not believe the appointment has an expiration date.

*(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 06/16/2020-Morrison/Heck)*

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:37 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 050-2020 – Draft # 2**

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$120,315.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE BUILDING AND LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-950-53300) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey said the City has received a check for the damages that happened to the basement because of the flooding at City Hall.

*(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 06/16/2020–Bailey/Rodriguez)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 016-2020 – Draft # 3**

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

*(Adm. & Financial Mngt -1st reading-ADOPT 06/16/2020- Bailey/Conison)*

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:39 p.m.

### COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:39 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

#### **THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 043-2020

**(This Ordinance will need to be continued to 07/07/2020 because the 21-day filing deadline in the Whitehall News could not be met for a 06/16/2020 Public Hearing.**

***PUBLIC HEARING 07/07/2020***

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST BROAD STREET, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008249, FROM EXCEPTIONAL USE DISTRICT (EU) TO GENERAL COMMERCE DISTRICT (GCD), PROPERTY OWNED BY OFFICE CITY INC.

Chairperson Rodriguez said this Ordinance will need to be continued to 07/07/2020 because the 21-day filing deadline in the Whitehall News could not be met for a 06/16/2020 Public Hearing.

President Potter asked Chairperson Rodriguez if he would be making a motion to postpone the public hearing on this piece of legislation until July 07, 2020.

Chairperson Rodriguez replied yes.

*(Comm. Stand. & Enf. -3<sup>rd</sup> reading-ADOPT 07/07/2020- Rodriguez/Kantor)*

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 6:39 p.m.

### COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:40 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Community and Elder Advocacy.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:40 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:40 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

#### **SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 047-2020

***PUBLIC HEARING 07/07/2020***

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER 1123.10(c)(1) TO ALLOW ARMSTRONG DEVELOPMENT TO OPERATE A DRIVE-IN WINDOW AND DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4720 E. MAIN STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY SUGAR PROPERTIES LLC.

Chairperson Morrison asked Director Woodruff if the Planning Commission has met on this.

Director Woodruff replied yes, they have met on this. The returned a favorable recommendation on Ordinance 047-2020 for the special permit.

Chairperson Morrison asked Ms. Ogg if they have received the minutes for the Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Ogg replied no, we have not.

Chairperson Morrison asked about the drawings and such.

Director Woodruff replied that the minutes are on the way and that Councilmembers should have the packets.

Director Woodruff asked Ms. Ogg if she had received the packets.

Ms. Ogg replied yes she has received the packets and that they have been added to One Drive but not given to Councilmembers. She will get them delivered to Councilmembers tomorrow.

Chairperson Morrison said he knows this is the old Butch's place on East Main Street and it is a good sized lot. He will be interested to see the plans on how they are going to do the drive-through.

Director Woodruff said he apologized that he made the assumption that Council had been given the packets. This is a proposed establishment with a drive-through. They have proposed to demolish the current building onsite and propose to build a new building. Their flow, not only on the site but on and off the site meets all of the standards and provides for adequate flow ingress and egress off and on the site. They are going to pull the new building much closer to the street, giving it more of a pedestrian orientation per our request. He thinks when Council see's the plans they will be pleased.

Chairperson Morrison said it is a good location and a nice sized lot. He then asked what type of restaurant will be going in there.

Director Woodruff replied Del Tacos.

*(Econ. Dev. -3<sup>rd</sup> reading-ADOPT 07/07/2020- Morrison/Bailey)*

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

### INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

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

Director Woodruff said Mari Long from SWACO is back tonight to make a presentation. He wanted to make everyone aware that they are continuing to work on the pilot grant program for the Homeowner Flooding Mitigation Program. They are still trending towards having that prepared and ready for some discussion by the end of June. They are still working towards that goal. He went on to say that obviously Council and ten other residents received the trash and recycling bins. He is getting good feedback from those who were selected from inquiring on the Facebook page and the survey for folks to take, which is still up on the website. It will continue to be on the website through the end of the month. The Code Enforcement Officers are going out the morning of every trash day and doing a type of visual survey of the amount of trash residents are putting out. It looks like they are beginning to see a trend and he should be able to share that information by the end of the month as well.

**SWACO PRESENTATION:**

Director Woodruff said that SWACO's presentation is on the City's website so anyone watching from home can go to the website to see these slides. Our technology does not allow for us to stream it live and for us to show the slides. Mari will go through her slides and we will save questions for the end.

Mari Long said SWACO is the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and is one of fifty-two solid waste districts in Ohio. SWACO makes sure there is enough capacity for all municipal solid waste in Franklin County and increases efforts to reduce and recycle solid waste. Seventy-six percent of Franklin County waste is potentially recyclable or compostable materials. Twenty-four percent is non-recoverable materials. Paying for how much waste you generate is called volume-based. This creates a fair and more equitable pricing system. It gives residents control over their waste bill and a direct financial incentive to recycle and compost more. Volume based waste collection is used throughout Ohio and has been for decades. The Whitehall bid timeline is as follows: May 2020 (Bid Submission Collection), June/July 2020 (Communities Award Contracts), and January 1, 2021 (Commencement of Services). Local Waste monthly rates per household include waste, recycling, and yard waste. Unlimited \$19.20 (Senior \$17.28), 96-gallon \$18.20 (Senior \$16.38), 64-gallon \$17.20 (Senior \$15.48), 48-gallon \$16.20 (Senior \$14.58). All have a Local Waste billing charge of \$1.80 per quarter or \$.60 a month. This service will allow for one bulk item per month. There will be unlimited services four times a year. Additional benefits to using a two-cart system is it allows "right sizing" service or paying for what you use. It simplifies the bid process for collection, improves competitive pricing, promotes community branding, reduces costs, less litter and it is safer for you hauling partner. According to the US EPA, when a community goes with volume-based services households discard between fourteen and seventeen percent less waste and recycling amounts increased by between thirty-two and fifty-nine percent. SWACO launched a Recycling Cart Grant Program in 2018 with very significant cost savings and purchase agreement for community recycling carts. The advantages of using the recycling carts are increased recovery and more convenience. The lid keeps the materials contained, bulky materials fit, more room for recyclables, all in one container so there is no need for sorting at home and they roll easy to the curb. The estimated cost to the City of Whitehall per household would be \$5.50. SWACO will make the initial purchase and with the TRP Education Grant the cost could be \$1.00 per household with the repayment being paid over a three-year period. Ninety-three percent of resident's view recycling as a point of pride in their community. Ninety-four percent of residents believe local government should help lead the way for recycling and waste reduction. Yet, nearly half (49%) report confusion about what items can be recycled. SWACO will provide residents with a magnet that explains what can and cannot be recycled.

At this time, Mari Long, Andrew Booker and Director Woodruff answered question from Councilmembers.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Bailey closed at 7:21 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Chairperson Conison said there were a couple of letters that came in to the Councilmembers. She forwarded those letters to the Chief of Police to make sure that he was aware of the issues. Apparently, on Robinwood Avenue at Doney Street there were some children who were selling some water and they have been leaving litter behind. What she wants to tell the person who sent the letters is this, if there is a safety issue and you are afraid that there is a child who is going to be harmed by being pushed out into the street, please do not write a letter but call the Whitehall Police Department. Let them know what is going on out there so they can come out and take a look. If there is a disturbance of any kind, again call the Police Department. They can be reached at 614-237-6333 is the Police Department number.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 7:24 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Conison opened at 7:24 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Conison said she did not get a chance to talk with Director Sorrell but she knows they have to be getting excited that things are getting opened back up.

Mayor Maggard said she talked with Director Sorrell and the playgrounds will officially be open June 10, 2020. There will be cleaning of the equipment on a weekly basis. They could possibly be opening the ball diamonds next month in order to have some drop in games for the leagues. They are also talking about some other initiatives. Unfortunately, the Senior Citizens Center has to stay closed. The community garden will be opening up as there is still time to plant, grow and eat. More information will be forthcoming as they go along. They are trying to strategize with what Franklin County Public Health, Director Acton and Governor DeWine so the citizens can be as safe as possible. Basketball hoops will not be going back up right now as that is a really close contact sport. There have been discussions on opening the splash pad in mid-July.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council