

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – June 23, 2020

Council President Potter called the June 23, 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

Council Members

Chris Rodriguez
Wes Kantor
Larry Morrison
Jo Anna Heck
Karen Conison
Bob Bailey

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2020 – Draft # 1

ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard said on July 7, 2020 the City will present a plan to Council regarding flood mitigation and how they are going to help the residents. Mitigation will be in the form of providing relief for sewer back-ups in the basements. Probably in a couple of weeks she will have legislation regarding the Local Waste contract beginning in 2021. Regarding Draft # 1, Resolution 019-2020, the tax budget, please know the way the state law reads is that whatever was appropriated by Council for January 01, 2020 is what has to be put into the tax budget. She believes that everyone realizes that is no longer applicable to the City of Whitehall due to the decrease in revenues due to covid-19. It need to be done soon because the State's budget cycle is different from the City's. The City's begins January 01 and the State does theirs in the middle of the year. The City Auditor included some revenue that is coming in for bond proceeds, which is bond monies the City are going to receive to pay bonds with. He put it in the general fund but really that is going to the 402 fund. She talked with the Auditor and they agreed that because it is not general fund monies that can be used it will need to be accounted for in its own fund. This has not been changed on this tax budget yet. It looks like there is a lot of money there than we actually have. She just wanted to let Council know that 1.) we had to use what was appropriated, even though we do not have it and 2.) the Auditor included money that will be put into a different fund. She believes the Auditor wants this Resolution passed on first reading. She thanked Council on their consideration on the tax budget so it will allow the City to get their local government funding. If it is not turned in on time the City will not receive any money from the state.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 07/07/2020- Rodriguez/Kantor)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:36 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 052-2020 – Draft # 2

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 49/100 DOLLARS (\$323,911.49) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FUND (316) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard said these are incentives that the City and Council have agreed to in the past and these are payments that need to be made to different businesses throughout the year. The City has some incentives due in July and they have performed better than expected.

Chairperson Morrison asked if they could get a list of the companies and the incentives to be paid.

Mayor Maggard said she would ask Director Woodruff to provide Council with a list.

Chairperson Kantor asked if this piece of legislation has to be passed on first reading.

Mayor Maggard said that Director Woodruff has asked for the legislation to be passed on first reading.

President Potter said if he understands correctly, these are agreements made with the businesses and the City is contractually bound to pay this money. City Council passed legislation and these funds will need to be paid because they contractually agreed to it. He could see the sensitivity with this amount of money with everything else going on.

Mayor Maggard said for Council to remember these businesses has performed accordingly as they said they were going to with regard to how much money they have paid for income tax in 2019 so it is owed to them in 2020.

President Potter said that it could be possible when we are looking at next year it could be a potentially significantly lesser number.

Mayor Maggard said let's hope not but it could be.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 07/07/2020–Bailey/Morrison)

ORDINANCE NO. 053-2020 – Draft # 3

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 45/100 DOLLARS (\$6,623.45) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE ETNA ROAD INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279.000.50008) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey said this is to compensate Whitehall City Schools for the loss of property tax.

(Adm. & Financial Mngt -1st reading-ADOPT 07/07/2020- Bailey/Rodriguez)

ORDINANCE NO. 054-2020 – Draft # 4

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE CARES ACT GRANT FUND (205) TO THE CARES ACT GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (205.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(Adm. & Financial Mngt -1st reading-ADOPT 07/07/2020- Bailey/Conison)

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:41 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:41 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 043-2020

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, 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.

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

At this time, there was discussion on the permit inspection process amongst Council members and Mayor Maggard.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 6:46 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:47 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 Bailey closed at 6:47 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:47 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

THIRD 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.

(Econ. Dev. -3rd reading-ADOPT 07/07/2020- Morrison/Bailey)

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

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:49 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 6:49 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 6:49 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Public Safety.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:49 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor said Whitehall Youth Leagues will begin play on July 6. They are working on the diamonds now. Sign-ups have gone well and Whitehall residents play at no cost, even for t-ball. Some coaches have their teams from last year together and will be playing. Social distancing will be maintained. He has had discussions with Jim Graham about the trees that have died along Etna Road in front of the park. Eighteen of those trees will be replaced in the fall. He will have additional directives from Director Sorrell after Governor DeWine has his conference on July 1. He asked Mayor Maggard if she had anything to add and she replied she did not.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:51 p.m.

President Potter advised that he would like a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Mr. Bailey so moved and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:52 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council