

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the August 04, 2020 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – August 04, 2020

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 04, 2020.

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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2020, 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:

City Council Clerk Julie Ogg read the following emails:

Micole L. Spicer
4227 Rickenbacker Ave. 606
Whitehall, OH 43213

Good Evening City Council, Mayor Kim Maggard and all Whitehall elected officials.

Thank you for your leadership of the City of Whitehall as we continue to navigate through this challenging time in our nation.

Thank you Chief Mike Crispen for your leadership of the Whitehall Police Department in making sure that the citizens of Whitehall are safe. You have my support!

We will get through this together!

Take care and be safe!

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 have no pending legislation and they will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m. Her committee is continuing to work on the Doney/Robinwood issue.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Rodriguez 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 – asked for Council's support on the passage of Ordinance 059-2020 on the first reading and she also wanted to let everyone know that she supports Resolution 025-2020 for the Whitehall Police Department. She gave a short synopsis of the budget situation. They are behind in income tax from July 31, 2020 to 2019. They are a bit behind. Currently for the budgeted revenue in income tax, they are 2.5 percent behind overall and for our total general fund they are down 3 percent for budgeted revenue. They are working really hard to stay on task to make sure they have a successful year.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – was not present.

City Auditor Dan Miller – was not present.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – had no official report.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – was not present.

President Potter – advised that there have been no official reports filed in the council office since last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5I liquor permit for OLD BAG OF NAILS PUB – WHITEHALL LLC, DBA OLD BAG OF NAILS PUB, 4661 E. BROAD ST., WHITEHALL, OHIO 43213.
2. Agenda for the August 6, 2020 Whitehall Planning Commission meeting.

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. 057-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY FOR DISPOSAL OR PROCESSING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND LOCAL WASTE SERVICES, LTD. AND AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO TO ENACT SECTION 933.15 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL FEE FIXED RATE.

FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLUTION HONORING THE WHITEHALL DIVISION OF POLICE FOR THEIR DEDICATION, SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 025-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 025-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution No. 025-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 025-2020 was adopted.

Chairperson Conison read Resolution 025-2020 in its entirety before presenting it to Chief Crispen.

Chief Crispen said look around this room. These folks really appreciate what you are doing. That is what he has always known. This is what he knows Council has always said. He thanked everyone on behalf of the Police Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 059-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NR INVESTMENTS OR ITS AFFILIATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY ACRES OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY COMMONLY KNOWN AS WOODCLIFF AND A PORTION OF THE ADJACENT WHITEHALL COMMUNITY PARK IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE BLIGHT, CREATE NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, AND CREATE AND PRESERVE JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Morrison asked Director Woodruff if there were any changes to the copy of the Master Development Agreement they received today and the copy they received last week?

Director Woodruff said there should not be any changes as he believes the copy they received today is the same as the copy they received last week, with the exception of the front page and the exhibits in the back. They are still working with the developer so there may be some minor language changes at a later date but no major changes.

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 059-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 059-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Morrison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 059-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 059-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 022-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 022-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 022-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 022-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 0023-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS RELATED TO BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS ON ETNA ROAD AND ELBERN AVENUE ON PARCEL NUMBERS 090-001883, 090-001142, 090-000227, 090-0002000, 090-005587, 090-001106, 090-008208, 090-001107 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 023-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 023-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Resolution No. 023-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 023-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

DESIGNATING A PORTION OF PARCELS 090-005410 AND 090-001974, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A MARKED 0.265 ACRES PARCEL 1-WL, AS CITY OF WHITEHALL RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 024-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 024-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Resolution No. 024-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 024-2020 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

No comments at this time.

POLL COUNCIL:

Mr. Rodriguez said it was great job they did tonight. Long overdue for the work you do in this community. As he said a few weeks ago, Whitehall Police Department are second to none in this community, in this state and probably in this country. You are awesome. He mentioned a few weeks ago that he has a son who works for the V.A. as a Police Officer, he has a cousin who is a Texas Ranger and a nephew who is a Sherriff down in Adams County. The pride in the work that the P.D. does is phenomenal. He waves as they go by as a way to say thanks for all you do every day. Thank you so much.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone who is viewing on Facebook and those that sent in a poll public. She wanted to take this opportunity to thank Chief Crispen for your dedication and for your commitment. She thanked all the Officers that were in attendance. She said she attended their awards ceremony and she learned many things. She learned they are some of the best patrolling officers and police department that she has seen. They help out other cities and it is appreciated. She wants them to know she appreciates every single one of them. She has had interaction with a few of them in regards to the patrolling they do around Robinwood and Doney. She has spoken to them. She has seen their interactions with the kids. She appreciates that because it takes a village to raise a child and they have really stepped and started to do exactly what people talk about. She also wanted to talk about the appreciation and the effort, the leadership and the unwavering commitment that they have to their jobs. She knows it is difficult and they work long hours. It doesn't go unnoticed. She sees them driving down the street and she waves and she appreciates just seeing them around. She thanked them and told them to continue to do their job, continue to support them as they continue to support each other and they will be a better community and city because of it. Thank you very much.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone that is viewing on Facebook. She wanted to thank everyone for coming there tonight. She had no idea that there would be this many people. She said it was her pleasure to prepare this resolution. She was given a lot of great information by her City Council members to put into the resolution. There was so much more that she could have written for that resolution. There is so much that they do that people don't see. She gets to see the times they are playing football in the street with some of the youth, giving biscuits out to some of the dogs, you are putting your hand in your pocket for money for homeless people or you are paying for things over at Walgreens because someone did not have the money. She sees and hears the things that they do and she is so proud to be the chairperson of public safety. She thanked them again.

Mr. Kantor began by thanking Ms. Conison for bringing forth the resolution for these men and woman. He looks out and he knows many of them and there are many that have left since he began serving on City Council. He was born and raised in this city. His sister just retired from CPD. He knows what they do but he does not know how they do it. He doesn't know how they hug their spouse and kids and not knowing if they are coming back but to do the job they have to do by coming into their city and to protect them. Words cannot explain how much they are appreciated along with the office workers and the dispatchers, rank and file, Sergeants and Lieutenants. Chief Crispin you have done a phenomenal job. He has seen a tremendous change in our officers, in their morale. Like everyone else, he waves to everybody, he stops, he sees bike patrol. It is a phenomenal thing to have stealth back on the streets. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, he wants them to stay safe and they are all in his prayers. Thank you and congratulations.

Ms. Heck thanked Micole Spicer for writing in and she appreciates the kind words. She thanked everyone who tuned in from home. She echoes the same words as the rest of her Council. She cannot begin to understand the job they do or put herself in their shoes but she greatly appreciates it. She waves and she knows that her son loves the Police Officers. He really looks up to them. She cannot thank them enough.

Mr. Morrison thanked all those serving this community, law enforcement, fire, EMT and everyone. He said they do a fabulous job and this community does appreciate it. He thanked everyone for coming, everyone for watching and the kind words everyone said. True to heart. Thank you very much.

Mr. Bailey said there really are not words to express how this community feels about the work that they do and he just wants to say that he wants God to bless each and every one of them and know that when you are out there in these times that are a little difficult, know that you have the support of this entire community. He hears it all the time from neighbors, the increase patrolling in his area, they notice it. They are thinking about you and they care. What they do is not for the money, it can't be, it has got to be something deeper and he appreciates it. They do a wonderful job.

President Potter thanked Ms. Spicer for her very kind letters. Those are very much appreciated. He thanked everyone who tuned in from home and he thanked all the Officers who were able to be there this evening. It is a great show of numbers and they appreciate it and also the Officers who could not make it. Your dedication and commitment has never wavered since day one. He had a chance to visit with some of the Officers last week and especially with everything that is going on, it certainly has ramped up the level of responsibility in your position and to keep doing the wonderful job they are doing in keeping it all in check in here. He knows that is just how they were raised. It is not said often enough how much they are appreciated and he thinks collectively, unintentionally, it gets taken for granted but never think for one moment that they are not appreciated or valued or thought very highly of. Please know, from this Council and this Administration, we have your back.

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 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President