

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – August 24, 2021

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey called the August 24, 2021 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 Pro-Tem Bob Bailey
City Attorney Michael Bivens
Service & Dev. Director Zach Woodruff

Council Members

Chris Rodriguez
Wes Kantor
Larry Morrison
Jo Anna Heck
Karen Conison
Lori Elmore (arrived @ 6:40 pm)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2021 DRAFT # 1

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL OF OHIO (PEP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said this is about the liability insurance for the City. In Section 1, you can read about what it covers. He believes this is the second or third year possibly to do this.

Chairperson Morrison said the Mayor sent an email saying it was the best carrier she has ever had.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 2nd reading – ADOPT 09/21/2021–(Morrison/Heck)

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2021 DRAFT # 2

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY OF THE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said this is for attracting and keeping a qualified individual by bumping the salary up a little bit. It is for the Economic Development Manager. It is not much of an increase; and hopefully they can replace the talent they are losing.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/07/2021– (Rodriguez/Morrison)

ORDINANCE NO. 078-2021 DRAFT # 3

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF 161.13 SPECIAL LEAVE WITH PAY AND APPROVING SECTION 161.13(d) “PAID PARENTAL LEAVE” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said it is set for two reading but can go three. They will discuss that. He read the second whereas, and it sums up their thoughts. The Council of the City of Whitehall recognizes the importance of supporting employees as they balance career and family requirements. He looks at this as the Administration or the City in general, kind of getting up to speed with the private sector. As Larry

pointed out, the Mayor sent an email on this and she hopes to carry this into the negotiations with the unions.

There was discussion on whether this legislation should go two or three readings. It was decided that it would go for two readings.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 2nd reading – ADOPT 09/21/2021–(Heck/Conison)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 6:34 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2021 DRAFT # 4
RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said what caught his eye was the vendor, Ohio Department of Taxation. The purpose is a refund; it is a good size and could be hurtful.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/07/2021–Bailey/Rodriguez)

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 070-2021 *(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 09/07/2021–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.

ORDINANCE NO. 071-2021 *(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 09/07/2021–Bailey/Morrison)*
MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 96/100 DOLLARS (\$65,247.96) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Director Woodruff apologized for being a couple of minutes late. He said he and the City Attorney just came from the Terry McDowell Twenty Year Memorial. On Draft 2, he believes that the Mayor may have sent an email to City Council regarding this and he wanted to take the opportunity and he believes Council is aware that Jenna Goehring, the Economic Development Manager is leaving the City and has accepted a position with City of Dublin’s Economic Development Department. They have looked and believes they have selected a candidate that brings skills and enthusiasm to this position and they would like to be able to extend an offer contingent on this legislation. They would like to have it on the first reading. He did not know if there were any additional questions for this piece of legislation.

There was discussion on the legislation being passed on the first reading and the amount of the increase.

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

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:39 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Community Standards and Enforcement.

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

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:39 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 Rodriguez closed at 6:39 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2021 DRAFT # 5

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2020.

Chairperson Morrison said the City of Whitehall Tax Incentive Review Council reviewed projects for compliance per the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85(c) on Monday, August 16, 2021. It lists all the TIRC's involved in this and he turned it over to Mr. Woodruff for comments.

Director Woodruff said just as Council recalls every year the City is required to hold a Tax Incentive Review Council, and it occurred on August 16, 2021. At that time, the TIRC, as it is known, reviewed all of the CRA's exemptions that are currently in place, property tax abatements as well as the tax increment financing exemptions that are in place and found them to be in compliance with the agreements. They have made a recommendation to this board to continue the agreements and the TIF's, as they are currently constituted for the next year. This can go three readings and they respectfully request passage on the third reading.

(Economic. Dev. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 10/05/2021–(Morrison/Rodriguez)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:42 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:42 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Director Woodruff said he has two pieces of draft legislation that he did not get to the Clerk today due to other matters coming up. He will have two pieces of legislation he asks to be added to the agenda for the September 6 meeting. (Meeting is September 7) The first is a piece of legislation that was discussed last week and that is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept the OPWC project that he and Ryan Andrews presented to Council last week. They would ask that it pass on the first reading as the deadline is September 13. They have been working to get all the application together, to make it as strong and competitive as possible. The second piece of legislation does not need passed on first reading but asked that it pass on second reading. The legislation authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with the City of Columbus for a boundary adjustment. Today, on Broad Street between Big Walnut and the Ashford on Broad, the City of Columbus corporation limit actually extends to the north side of Broad Street on the northern side of the curb. The road out in front of a portion of Woodcliff and the former driving range is actually in the City of Columbus. They have worked with the City of Columbus and have

come to an agreement where they can adjust the boundary to the south side of Broad Street and to the south side of the curb, which will enable them to do the development there in that area, as they would like. They already maintain that stretch of Broad Street anyway so nothing really changes from that standpoint. This is just a boundary adjustment. The City of Columbus has already approved this on their side and now it needs approved on this side. Again. He thinks two readings seems sufficient.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 6:45 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Conison said she felt bad for missing the Terry McDowell Memorial. She had not missed it in a long time. She was happy to hear that there were people in attendance.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said he participated in the Terry McDowell Memorial Ride on Saturday. Get Behind The Badge put it on. It was probably the best event he has ever experienced. It was fantastic. There were several hundred bikes. It was awesome. If you ride, plan attending next year. It is police escorted from town to town, all the way to Marysville. In some of the smaller towns, there were people out waving. It was incredible.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 6:46 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor said there are two more Farmers Markets at Kelly Green. He passed out a flyer titled "Get Going with Parks and Rec" and the information is on the internet. Youth Football opening day is September 11.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:47 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council