

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – September 08, 2020

President Pro-Tem Bailey called the September 08, 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

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey
Mayor Kim Maggard

Council Members

Wes Kantor
Larry Morrison
Jo Anna Heck
Karen Conison
Lori Elmore

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ORDINANCE NO. 068-2020 DRAFT # 1

AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS OF 161.09(A) VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDIT CARRYOVER 161.09(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING A HIGHLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE TO THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard said they have made a job offer to a candidate for the position of Assistant Fire Chief. It has been accepted based on these two things. This individual has twenty plus years' experience in firefighting and management. The city would be very fortunate to get this applicant to come to Whitehall. He has asked for one hundred sixty hours of sick leave transfer from his current public employer and also that we match for years of service for computing vacation leave.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said this was something they have done in the past and he thinks it makes great sense to attract qualified people.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Conison/Morrison)

RESOLUTION NO. 029-2020 DRAFT # 2

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PLACE COLLEEN SHAW, CITY OF WHITEHALL DISPATCHER AT A STEP E IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 17.2 OF THE CURRENT LABOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard said she is a current part-time dispatcher. The chief and assistant chiefs and the police department have been working to try to get her into full-time and now they have the opportunity. She has experience dispatching with two different agencies and she is awesome.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Conison/Elmore)

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 063-2020

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

Mayor Maggard said she has been talking with the agent today and they have just gotten the contract. They are going through it and they are having a virtual meeting on Friday morning. She will send Council the contract. She knows she had attached last year's contract so they could look at it. She does not expect many changes except for pricing. She will send them the updated contract as soon as she is able to go through it and talk to the agent about it. This needs to be wrapped up by the second reading.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 2nd reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Morrison/Elmore)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:35 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 065-2020 - DRAFT # 3

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE INSPECTION DEPOSIT FUND (804) TO THE INSPECTION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (804-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said the city collects fees for inspections, permits and plan reviews and sometimes we have to pay those out to various vendors who handle inspections and it has been underestimated for 2020. Things are slowing down but not in Whitehall.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Bailey/Conison)

ORDINANCE NO. 066-2020 - DRAFT # 4

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE ACREAGE FEES FUND (854) TO THE ACREAGE FEES ACCOUNT (854-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said the city collects sewer capacity fees and has to pay these fees to the City of Columbus. The amount of work to be done in 2020 was underestimated and we need to increase the appropriation.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Bailey/Rodriguez)

ORDINANCE NO. 067-2020 - DRAFT # 5

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE INCOME TAX REFUNDS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.350.57000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said the amount of income tax refunds to be issued were more than anticipated and he believes they passed legislation like this earlier this year.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 10/06/2020–Bailey/Morrison)

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2020 - DRAFT # 6

ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said if everyone would notice in the text the date is the 15th which is next Tuesday and the personnel listed below should be in attendance.

Mayor Maggard said this legislation is something that has to be done every year.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Bailey/Heck)

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2020 - DRAFT # 7

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

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Bailey/Elmore)

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

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

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

Chairperson Kantor knows that Director Woodruff is really busy and he asked Mayor Maggard to have Director Woodruff call him about the signage they discussed a few weeks ago.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:40 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.

Chairperson Elmore said they will do the presentation of the ten thousand dollar check with the Whitehall Bexley Rotary on September 11th or the 14th. When she gets confirmation on the date she will let them know.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey asked if she had any update from the committee that is working on the issues at Doney and Robinwood on water sells by youths?

Chairperson Elmore said last Saturday she and Karen spoke about getting together on some things and they also are working with another program to try to get somethings done for the overall community.

Mayor Maggard said we have it and it is basically up and going.

Chairperson Elmore said she proposed a juvenile diversion program and she talked with Franklin County Juvenile Court because the city does not have juveniles come to Mayors Court. All juveniles go to Franklin County. She reached out to the powers to be in Franklin County. They had a meeting with the Mayor, Chief Crispen, City Attorney Bivens and President Potter. She thinks someone else was in attendance but she is not sure. The Mayor did her due diligence with regard to asking questions of Franklin County and others involved. She is very, very happy this came together and they are able to do the juvenile diversion program. It is already being done in Columbus but they did not have other suburbs so they had the capacity for them so they are moving forward with this program.

Mayor Maggard said there is no cost to the city for this program. It is for kids who are charged with a misdemeanor. It is very low level and we try to get them in at the very beginning and not only do they

help the kids, they provide services to the family as well which she feels is phenomenal. Most likely all we will have to do is supply some office space and Chief Crispin says he has that at the Police department. They probably would not be in there that often. However, we are ready to go with this.

Chairperson Elmore said she believes their responsibility to the kids in this community and kids period is to provide them with an avenue that will get them on the right track before they are penalized and punished for issues so this diversion program actually helps to put them on the right track and works with the family as a whole.

Chairperson Conison asked if this was for kids who have misdemeanors?

Chairperson Elmore said yes and they cannot already be in the system.

Chairperson Morrison asked if there was an age limit on this?

Chairperson Kantor said it was seventeen and below. It is a program for minors.

Chairperson Heck asked if this program was similar to the restorative circles they have?

Mayor Maggard said no, this is separate.

Chairperson Heck asked if they were still going to do restorative circle for Whitehall youth because she knows they the eastside?

Chairperson Elmore said she was not sure but she knows there are other programs that were talked about that could be feeder programs into what this does but this has only been implemented in Columbus working with Franklin County Youth Services since October 2019. We are right at the juvenile stage but for us to even get into this program or to be asked to fill the capacity she feels is monumental and trailblazing. It is a good opportunity for us to brand Whitehall so it is not a school to prison pipeline but actually a holistically view in helping children and their families get on the right track.

Chairperson Conison said she talked with someone over at the Columbus Urban League and was told they had another meeting with some of the kids and she doesn't have a number of kids who attended. She is hoping they get some feedback from the Columbus Urban League about that meeting as far as the number in attendance, signed and are getting involved.

Chairperson Elmore said they really did not get a good count because cars were driving through because of Covid but there were kids and parents that did come up and ask questions which she feels was a good start. On short notice you don't get a lot of the publicity and involvement as you would if it was marketed. They did get some good input and she is looking forward to the next one.

Chairperson Conison said she is too and she knows that the students that were over at Doney did come over and they were talking with citizens, the community and the Columbus Urban League for quite some time. She thought that was great and she loved seeing the interaction between everybody. She feels it is a good program.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:47 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:47 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Councilperson Kantor said the Old Bag of Nails opens September 14th.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:48 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:48 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2020 DRAFT # 8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Heck said she did speak with Director Woodruff and they will be having a presentation next week. It does have to go first reading because they have to meet the application deadline.

(Inf. Maint. & Serv. – 1st reading – ADOPT 09/15/2020–Heck/Conison)

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 he spoke with Director Sorrell and the basketball rims and nets will be going up, two of them, hopefully this week. Social distancing signs will be displayed and they will monitor the area very closely since this is a very close contact sport. But at least we are opening up a little bit here. With the cooler weather the splash pad will be closed this weekend. He had a couple more phone calls about the senior center and it is going to remain closed due to some very stringent guideline set forth by Franklin County and the Governor. We have an organization here in Whitehall called Whitehall Youth Athletic Association (W.Y.A.A.). Since last Christmas they have really taken the bull by the horns to help our community. He wanted to let everyone know some of the things they have done. Last year at Christmastime they spent \$740.00 to sponsor a family for the holidays, they contacted Burlington Coat Factory where they spent \$1,468.00 to purchase coats for Whitehall residents, when Covid hit there were people who lost their jobs so they donated \$500.00 to Victory Ministries for food which fed 40 families here in central Ohio and Whitehall, they donated \$700.00 towards the Class of 2020 Senior banners that hung on Yearling Road, they donated \$100.00 to the Ashford on E. Broad Street and they donated \$220.00 to W.C.C.A which Chairperson Conison is a member of. He wanted to take this time to thank W.Y.A.A. for all that they do. They run a very successful league. Bob Strait is on the board. This past year everything was shut down and it took them a couple of months to get baseball and softball going

over at the park. They took \$4,000.00 out of their own pockets to pay umpires so the kids could play. There was no charge to play and they allowed other cities to come in knowing we had social distancing rules. They had a couple of issues but they overcame it. He just wanted to applaud them and to say thank you. Hopefully, next year things will get back to normal and we can get things rolling again.

President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey said he does have something and probably should have been under Community Standards and Enforcement, a discussion or some information that they need to have or find out is how to deal with skunks. They are becoming more and more of a problem. Put that in the back of your mind, think about it and see where we head with this stinky issue.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:54 p.m.

Having nothing further, President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council