

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the October 06, 2020 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Kantor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – October 06, 2020

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 06, 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:

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

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Mr. Kantor was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2020, agenda and regular meeting. Mr. Rodriguez 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Jonathan Thomas, Vice President of Planning and Evaluation

- ADAMH Levy, Issue 24 on Ballot for November 3, 2020

Mr. Thomas thanked President Potter and all Council member for giving him the time to talk about the upcoming ballot issue, Issue 24 for ADAMH. He talked about what they do at ADAMH, who they serve, some of the current challenges and ending with some funding needs as it relates to ADAMH Issue 24.

Mr. Thomas answered question from Council at this time.

Mr. Thomas thanked Council for their time.

Chief of Police Mike Crispen

- SWAT Vehicle

Chief Crispen said he appreciates President Potter and all Council member. There are three piece of legislation on the agenda tonight for the law enforcement trust fund expenditure, which of course is the drug seizure money. He receive a few email but one of those covers the vehicle and that is the one he is going to focus on but if there are questions on the others he will cover those as well. The vehicle he is requesting to purchase will be bought with drug seizure money and not tax dollars. The purpose of this

vehicle will be to protect our officers. This is not an assault vehicle. It is like a ballistic vest surrounding our officers and keeping them safe. That is all it is. It will help them extract people in barricade situations as well as people on the inside. It has no weaponry on the system and is a thick vehicle that will stop bullets.

Chairperson Rodriguez asked how long before it could be delivered?

Chief Crispen said these vehicles are in high demand and he anticipates it will take about nine months.

Mayor Maggard asked if this vehicle could be used as an operational base during a weather emergency or if our communications system goes down.

Chief Crispen said they could put communication equipment in it but they already have a command vehicle they use in that type of emergency.

Chairperson Rodriguez asked what they are using now.

Chief Crispen said that they have a panel van and a command vehicle that says SWAT on the side but it is not a SWAT vehicle with any capabilities.

Chairperson Rodriguez said they definitely need something to protect their officers.

President Potter and Council members thanked Chief Crispen for coming tonight.

POLL PUBLIC:

City Council Clerk Julie Ogg read the following emails:

Paul Werther
4483 San Jose Lane
Whitehall, OH 43213

Good evening. A quick request for your consideration.
I have been watching meetings on Facebook live and request of whomever is controlling the camera views, can you please, during presentations that have slideshows, use the camera that will give us viewers the same view as those in attendance. Thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee met Tuesday, September 22 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 Tuesday, September 22 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Rodriguez reported that they met Tuesday, September 22 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 Tuesday, September 22 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 Tuesday, September 22 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 Tuesday, September 22 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Conison reported that they met Tuesday, September 22 and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – she said she supports Ordinances 074-2020, 075-2020, 076-2020 regarding expenditures of law enforcement trust fund money and Resolutions 036-2020 and 037-2020 and asked that they be passed on first reading.

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 – said he had no official report but asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 074-2020, 075-2020, 076-2020 and Resolution 036-2020.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – was not present.

President Potter – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Treasurers Investment Report for August 2020, the Treasurers Activity by Fund Report for August 2020 and the Treasurers Fund Reconciliation Report for August 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

There were no Communications, Petitions and Claims.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Franklin County Annual CDBG Allocation Grant - Zach Woodruff, Director of Public Service

- \$250,000.00 on the infrastructure in the Woodcliff Redevelopment

President Potter opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 pm and asked that any proponents come forward at this time.

Jenna Goehring, Economic Development Manager and Zach Woodruff, Director of Public Service and Development explained that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a Federal Program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development which provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons. As a government body applying for CDBG funding, they are required to hold one public hearing inviting citizens to discuss the proposed project. For this particular project because

of the age of covid, they must restrict public gatherings so they are using Facebook live as a tool where the public has access to the meetings and are able to ask any questions they may have about this specific project. The road will be built to city standards with curb and gutters, sidewalks and street lighting. There will be water lines put into place as well as sanitary and storm sewers. The total project cost is about \$2,246,607.50. The maximum amount requested for CBDG funding is \$250,000.00. The balance of the project funding will be obtained by working with a private developer and other funding opportunities that are being explored at this moment. A number of funding sources will be used to fill the gap.

At this time, Jenna Goehring, Economic Development Manager and Zach Woodruff, Director of Public Service and Development said they would take any questions from Council and the public. There were no questions.

President Potter asked that any opponents come forward at this time.

There were no opponents.

President Potter closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

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. 067-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

Mr. Bailey introduced, moved to amend as read and suspend the rules Ordinance No. 067-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 067-2020 was amended as read and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 067-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 067-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2019.

FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLUTION HONORING THE WHITEHALL DIVISION OF FIRE FOR THEIR DEDICATION, SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 036-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 036-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution No. 036-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 036-2020 was adopted.

Chairperson Conison read Resolution 036-2020 in its entirety and presented it to Chief Preston Moore.

Chief Preston Moore thanked Council for taking the time to honor the Whitehall Division of Fire.

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

SUPPORTING THE 2020 ADAMH LEVY APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT AS ISSUE 24 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 037-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 037-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Resolution No. 037-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 037-2020 was adopted.

President Potter read Resolution 037-2020 in its entirety and presented it to Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas said that the ADAMH Board appreciates City Councils support.

ORDINANCE NO. 072-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,805,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF A COURT-APPROVED FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS MADE BY THE CITY IN THE CASE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL OHIO ET AL VS OLANDER, THOMAS J ET AL, CASE NO. 2007 EVH 060217 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 072-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 072-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 072-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 072-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 073-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,840,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF A PORTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 37-ACRE PARCEL IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAMILTON ROAD AND EAST BROAD STREET, ALL IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITHIN THE CITY THAT WILL RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT AND NUISANCE ON AND AROUND THE ACQUIRED PROPERTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 073-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 073-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 073-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 073-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 074-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 074-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 074-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 074-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 074-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 075-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,400.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 075-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 075-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 075-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 075-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$324,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 076-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 076-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 076-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 076-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 70/100 DOLLARS (\$920.70) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 077-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 077-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 077-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 077-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 078-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 63/100 DOLLARS (\$6,343.63) FROM THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (279) TO VARIOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS IN THE 279 FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTION OF THE FEE PAYMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO EACH TIF IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 63/100 DOLLARS (\$6,343.63) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 078-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 078-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 078-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 078-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR AND 98/100 DOLLARS (\$82,184.98) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.58500) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 079-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 079-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 079-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 079-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 080-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE STREET MATERIALS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (201.000.52000) TO THE SIGNALS / SIGNS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (201-000-53500) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 080-2020 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 080-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 080-2020 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 080-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2020 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. 035-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 035-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 035-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 035-2020 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Conison said the purple flags flying on Yearling Road are for domestic violence month and October is breast cancer awareness month. WCCA has several contests going on. October 26-29, the WCCA judges will be going around to judge houses so everybody get your spooky stuff up. A costume contest will be going on and it is for all ages, 0-100 plus. Put your costumes on and there will be judging online. They are having a Halloween/Trick or Treat drive thru at Etna Road Elementary on October 31 from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm. WCCA will be passing out goodie bags to all children in the vehicle.

Chairperson Heck said the Whitehall Yearling Band would be at Etna Road Elementary on Friday at 6:00 pm for their second community performance.

POLL COUNCIL:

Ms. Heck thanked everyone that tuned in. She thanked Chief Crispin for his presentation and sticking out until the very end. She appreciated ADAMH’s presentation.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone that tuned in. He thanked Chief Crispen for his presentation. He said the community stands behind both departments because of the service they provide to the community. He hopes everyone has a good week.

Mr. Bailey wanted to say hello to everyone tuning in. He believes tonight demonstrates how much the community supports the Fire and Police and they need to do everything they can to keep them safe. He thanked them for the job they do.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Paul Werther for his comments and he knows that handouts are online for all presentations. He congratulated Chief Crispen on the vehicle. He gave a special recognition to U-58, Spencer Salyers, who retired last week from the Police Department.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone who logged onto Facebook live and watched. She took the opportunity to remind everyone that it was the first day of early voting. Please get out there and vote. Please request your ballot and make sure all the information is correct. She thanked the Police and Fire Chiefs for doing a fabulous job protecting and taking care of all of us. As for Whitehall's improvements, she is so happy that the City is making the improvements that they are and drawing great talent and business partners. ADAMH does a great job with the opioid epidemic and specifically with covid. Covid has put us in a situation we have never been before and many people are suffering from mental health issues, addiction, and those are needed services. She is thankful for ADAMH and all that they do so please vote for Issue 24

Ms. Conison echoed what everyone has said. Franklin County mailed out some ballots with the incorrect cities. Make sure you look at your ballot and make sure the city and precinct are correct. If not, contact the Board of Elections so they can send you the correct ballot. She thanked everyone for watching.

President Potter said he wanted to congratulate Chief Moore and the entire Fire department on Resolution 036-2020. It is very deserving. They do great work and it is nice to recognize their hard work and dedication publically. He thanked Chief Crispen for coming this evening and he is glad that Council was able to support this and the job they do is difficult he and his department does. It is important to have the right tools the first time around and not have the conversation as to why we did not have it the first time around. He thanked Mr. Thomas for coming and asked everyone to support ADAMH's Issue 24. They do great work not only in Whitehall but all over Franklin County as well.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President