

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – October 08, 2019

Council President Graham called the October 08, 2019 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 Jim Graham
Mayor Kim Maggard
Auditor Dan Miller
City Attorney Michael T.Bivens
Treasurer Steve Quincel
Director Zach Woodruff
Street Superintendent Jeff Hart

Council Members

Chris Rodriguez
Larry Morrison
Lori Elmore
Bob Bailey

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Graham addressed the legislation in Committee of the Whole, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 117-2019 – Draft # 1

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NINE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$9,620,000.00) 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.

Auditor Miller said Ordinance 117-2019 is a refinance of the last notes and requires only one reading.

(Comm. Of the Whole. – 1st reading – ADOPT 10/15/19– Rodriguez/Elmore)

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2019 – Draft # 2

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,750,000.00) 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.

Auditor Miller said Ordinance 118-2019 is a refinance of the last notes and requires only one reading.

(Comm. Of the Whole. – 1st reading – ADOPT 10/15/19– Rodriguez/Elmore)

RESOLUTION NO. 050-2019 – Draft # 5

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT TITLE TO PARCEL NUMBER 090-005414-00; 2935 E. MAIN STREET – UNIT #9750, FROM EMPOWERING COLUMBUS LLC. LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND PAY ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

President Graham moved Resolution 050-2019 to Committee of the Whole from Community Standards and Enforcement.

Director Woodruff stated there was a typographical error in this legislation. The address of 2935 E. Main Street is not the address of Parcel Number 090-005414-00 but the address to Empowering Columbus LLC. There is actually no address to this parcel. This is a piece of property near Robinwood Avenue; along Doney Street that the creek runs through. We are advocating the purchase of this piece of land for a conservation area. We are additionally having some conversations with property owners north of this property as well; potentially look at purchasing property along the creek to increase the amount of conservation area. This is the property directly to the left of the old dry cleaners.

Mayor Maggard stated that the city has received complaints on the upkeep of the property. She feels this piece of property could be used as a learning and educational tool that could be combined with the Parks and Recreation department.

Director Woodruff said the Parks and Recreation department is in support of using the property as a learning tool. The purchase price of the property is \$15,500.00, which is what the current owner has invested in the property. It is a non-developable piece of ground so using it as a conservation tool makes sense. The property is one-third of an acre.

(Comm. Of the Whole. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 11/19/19– Rodriguez/Morrison)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:38 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2019 – Draft # 3

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE PLUMBING PERMITS FUND (851) TO THE PLUMBING PERMITS ACCOUNT (851-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller stated an additional appropriation is needed with all the plumbing going on at the corner of Broad Street and Hamilton Road.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 10/15/19– Bailey/Morrison)

RESOLUTION NO. 049-2019 – Draft # 4

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

There was no discussion on Resolution 049-2019.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 10/15/19– Bailey/Rodriguez)

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:40 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:40 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

President Graham moved Resolution 050-2019 to Committee of the Whole from Community Standards and Enforcement.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez 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.

There was no discussion in Community and Elder Advocacy.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:41 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Economic Development.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:41 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Committee member Bailey opened at 6:41 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Street Superintendent Jeff Hart gave an overview on storm drop repairs within the city. He stated that there are 1868 storm drops. In 2017, 74 were repaired, in 2018, 87 were repaired and in 2019, 97 have been repaired with 27 still to be repaired before the end of the month. The biggest issues were in the Robinwood, Maplewood and Collingwood area. East Broad Street had 28 drops repaired from Hamilton Road to Maplewood Avenue. When this is finished, we will start our storm drop cleaning and inspection throughout the city. Brush removal is finished for this season. He said 1,914 piles of brush were picked up and that equates to 38-truck load of chipped brush or 17,200 feet of mulch. On Monday, October 14, 2019, we will begin leafing season in the city.

Mayor Maggard thanked Mr. Hart for all his attention to the storm drops in the city and she felt that was amazing. She appreciated it very much.

Having nothing further, Committee member Bailey closed at 6:46 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee member Bailey opened at 6:46 p.m. said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Mayor Maggard said she has spoken with Police Chief Crispen regarding the issue of metal detectors. He believes we can purchase our own metal detectors using the money from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. These metal detectors can be used at our festivals. He thinks it would be wise to have the metal detectors at the front entrance to city hall during court days and for city council meetings. He advises we have only one entrance to the building and not use the side doors as entrances except for employee's and council members. We will purchase three or four of them for the city to use. An outside security company will be contracted with for the monitoring of the metal detectors along with an outside contract for maintenance and calibration of the metal detectors.

There was discussion on the amount of time needed for monitoring.

Having nothing further, Committee member Bailey closed at 6:52 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Committee member Elmore opened at 6:53 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Committee member Elmore said the artist for the Parks and Recreation mural has postpone its completion due to getting married.

Having nothing further, Committee member Elmore closed at 6:53 p.m.

Chairperson Elmore asked to open Community and Elder Advocacy again at 6:54 p.m.

Chairperson Elmore said she received an email from one of the continuants asking about the recordings/and or minutes to the committee meetings. The question asked, was how one goes about getting the minutes to those meetings.

Director Woodruff asked if committee-meeting minutes are posted online. Council Clerk Ogg stated the committee meeting minutes were not posted on-line. At this time, they would need to be requested from the council office.

After much discussion, the committee meeting agenda and minutes will be posted on-line.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council