

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – October 22, 2019

Council President Graham called the October 22, 2019 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Jim Graham
Auditor Dan Miller
City Attorney Michael T. Bivens
Treasurer Steve Quincel

Council Members

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 6:28 p.m. said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Lt. Chad Huntzinger stated the safety and security of every employee and community member that comes into the city hall assembly area is a primary goal of the police department during events in the building. The need for physical security in our buildings is an ever-increasing reality in our current age. He gave an overview of current conditions, proposed measures, equipment and staffing. In conclusion, the addition of these proposed measures will increase the visible and physical level of security for everyone involved. Police Chief Mike Crispin finds this to be an urgent matter and has elected to use the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) to pay for the security measures put into place.

At this time, Lt. Huntzinger answered questions from city council members.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Graham opened at 6:46 p.m. and addressed the legislation in this committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2019 – Draft # 1

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 2019 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was no discussion on Ordinance 120-2019.

(Comm. Of the Whole. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/05/19–Kantor/Morrison)

SECOND READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 050 -2019

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

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

There was no discussion on Resolution 050-2019.

Having no further business, President Graham closed at 6:47 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:47 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 121-2019 – Draft # 2

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE INCOME TAX REFUNDS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.350.57000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller stated he would like to move this back to a second reading because the mail seems to be running a week behind. The tax department is still receiving returns that are payable from the businesses. The \$40,000.00 was just a placeholder. As of right now, it is up to \$61,000.00. I will let you know the correct total right before you vote on it.

There was discussion on the amount budgeted and the total amount spent for this account.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 11/19/19– Bailey/Rodriguez)

ORDINANCE NO. 122-2019 – Draft # 3

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM THE TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT (314.000.50000) TO THE IT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS ACCOUNT (341.000.51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller explained Mr. Henninger has received some maintenance contracts that he did not anticipated so he is asking for additional monies to cover the cost of the contracts. The money is in the Technology account and he wants it moved to the IT Maintenance Contracts account.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/05/19– Bailey/Morrison)

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2019 – Draft # 4

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.900.51015) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller said there have been higher insurance claims than anticipated to date. He may ask that this legislation be passed on first reading instead of second reading because the account is running out of money.

At this time, Mr. Miller answered question from Council members.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 11/19/19– Bailey/Conison)

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2019 – Draft # 5

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

There was no discussion on Resolution 051-2019.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/05/19– Bailey/Heck)

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:54 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:54 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 124-2019 – Draft # 6

AMENDING SECTION 184.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED “DEFINITIONS” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller advised that the changes to Section 184.03 can be found on page 13 of the agenda. The changes came after the State of Ohio decided SERB would no longer be taxable. Section 184.03 will reflect the change made by the state. The change does not go into effect until January 01, 2020.

(Comm. Stan. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/03/19–Rodriguez/Conison)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 6:56 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:56 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Elmore said Employment for Seniors are having “Strategies for Mature Job Seekers” on October 24, 2019, October 30, 2019, November 13, 2019 and November 18, 2019. They are also holding “Home Helpers-Making Life Easier” on October 29, 2019 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. She shared that she has heard good things about economic development in Whitehall. They are impressed with the administration’s commitment to moving the city forward.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:59 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion at this time.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:59 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 7:00 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Bailey said he wanted to mention the work of code enforcement, specifically animal control. He thanked Steve Brown for his commitment to the city and his job as animal control officer.

Chairperson Rodriguez reported that he has received calls in reference to trash and recycling issues within the city.

There was discussion of the ongoing problems with Local Waste.

Chairperson Bailey said he would like to see discussions before the contract with Local Waste is renewed.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 7:06 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 7:06 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor said he has spoken with Director Sorrell and the park and recreation department are wrapping up the activities for the season. Football season is winding down. Winterization at the parks is finished. The mural is almost completed. If you have not seen it, go by and look. Outdoor education day took place at Whitehall Community Park, with 150 fifth graders from Etna Road Elementary. At this time, Director Sorrell is working on the budget for 2020.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 7:08 p.m.

Chairperson Conison said the Halloween Walk is this Saturday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Etna Road Elementary. She is still looking for volunteers to help and the volunteers should arrive at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council