

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – November 09, 2021

Council President Potter called the November 09, 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 Thomas Potter
City Administrator Zach Woodruff
Econ. Dev. Manager Kelsey Miller

Council Members

Wes Kantor
Larry Morrison
Bob Bailey
Karen Conison
Lori Elmore

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Carlie Boos, Executive Director of the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio
Jerry Valentine, CEO Renter Mentor

Carlie Boos, Executive Director of the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio said they were a non-profit organization with a goal to make sure Franklin County has the tools it needs to fill out the application. They are there to serve the neighborhoods and the needs of the neighborhood within their region. They do have members to their organization and they own and operate about ten thousand units of rental units within the county and many more throughout the state and country. The Alliance as an organization strongly encourages the adoption of anti-discrimination laws. They know biases are real and that it is a barrier and is prevalent throughout Franklin County.

Carlie Boos and Jerry Valentine answered questions from Councilmembers at this time.

ORDINANCE NO 113-2021 DRAFT # 1

AMENDING CHAPTER 541 OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “OFFENSE AGAINST PERSONS”, ADDING “SOURCE OF INCOME” TO PROVIDE FAIR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY FOR SUCH ACCOMODATIONS.

President Potter said Mayor Maggard sent them information in reference to this piece of legislation. She is not with them tonight but he is sure they can discuss it at next week’s meeting.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/21/2021–(Elmore/Conison)

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2021 DRAFT # 2

MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT GENERAL FUND (101) EXPENSES, STREET (201) EXPENSES AND STATE HIGHWAY MATERIALS (211) EXPENSES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN THE TOTAL SUM OF THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$37,919,628.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said they have provided members of City Council with a budget breakdown. On November 23, 2021, the administration would look to do a budget presentation similar to what they did last year. The Mayor asked him to express that once they have had an opportunity to look it over and if you have any questions, please reach out to her.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/21/2021–Bailey/Kantor)

ORDINANCE NO. 115-2021 DRAFT # 3
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO 161.38 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/21/2021–Kantor/Conison)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Bailey opened at 7:00 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

Councilperson Bailey said he is a resident of Ward 1 and he would like to take a moment to recognize Ward 1 Council-elect Gerald Dixon. He congratulated Mr. Dixon. He wanted to do that in public because he thinks it is important because people are interested and Mr. Dixon ran a good campaign.

ORDINANCE NO. 116-2021 DRAFT # 4
APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,805,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) TO THE DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT (401.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Bailey said that Ordinance 101-2021 authorized the City to renew a one-year note and it has to be paid through the Debt Service account per the Auditor of State.

(Adm/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/16/2021–Bailey/Conison)

ORDINANCE NO. 117-2021 DRAFT # 5
APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,840,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) TO THE DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT (401.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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(Adm/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/16/2021–Bailey/Morrison)

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2021 DRAFT # 6
APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF ELEVEN THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$11,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACCOUNT (101-900-51013) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Bailey said the State of Ohio collects these payments a year in advance. The City does not know the exact amount that will be owed until early November and the payment is due before December 31, 2021.

(Adm/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/16/2021–Bailey/Conison)

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2021 DRAFT # 7

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL REVENUE, INTERNAL SERVICE AND FIDUCIARY ACCOUNTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 IN THE TOTAL SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 28/100 DOLLARS (\$15,746,287.28) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Bailey said this is an annual appropriation ordinance that is required for special revenue, internal service, and fiduciary accounts to allow the Auditor and Treasurer to pay expenses chargeable to these accounts

(Adm/Fin. Mgmt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/21/2021–Bailey/Morrison)

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 107-2021 *(Adm/Fin. Mgmt. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 11/16/2021–Bailey/Morrison)*

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED 00/100 DOLLARS (\$98,400.00) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) TO THE DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT (401.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Having no further business, Councilperson Bailey closed at 7:04 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Kantor opened at 7:04 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2021 DRAFT # 8

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, AND DISPENSING IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said City Council already passed an eighteen-month moratorium in 2017. They believe there is additional time necessary to study the impact of these types of businesses and not inconsistent with other surrounding communities. They are asking Council respectfully to consider a one-year moratorium to go into effect. They are asking this be passed on a first reading next week. Part of this is there is an additional lottery that folks are applying for a license to conduct this type of business and this time will allow them to continue to study this during the term of the second lottery and get the impact of these type of businesses.

(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/16/2021–Rodriguez/Kantor)

ORDINANCE NO. 121-2021 DRAFT # 9

AMENDING SECTION 1122.02 TITLED ZONING MAP AND DISTRICTS AND CREATING 1123.11 TITLED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ZONING DISTRICTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said, as many on Council are aware they have been working the last number of months on a comprehensive update to our zoning districts, specifically the commercial corridors. What this ordinance does is creates it creates five new commercial corridor zoning districts with standards from everything like building setbacks to signage. As Mr. Kantor mentioned, it is an extensive document. He encouraged them to look at it. There will be a presentation on it during our next council meeting to go through it in a way the public here and at home will be able to gain an understanding of what is included in the legislation.

Councilperson Morrison asked if this was going on first reading.

City Administrator Woodruff said this would be going three readings. It will go to the Planning Commission also.

(Comm. Stand. & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/21/2021–Rodriguez/Morrison)

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

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 7:08 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

PRESENTATION:

Kacy Cox- Branch Manager for Columbus Metropolitan Library-Whitehall Branch
Post Covid Programming Update

Kacy Cox, Branch Manager for Columbus Metropolitan Library-Whitehall Branch gave a presentation on what is happening at the library post covid. They have five meeting rooms that are free to any member of the library. They have study rooms that are open along with computers, printers, scanners and fax machines that are free to use. They can help you fill out applications for social services. CML has collaborated with OSU and there is a social work intern on site Mondays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Rapid covid tests are free to families and can be picked up at the library drive through.

Kacy Cox answered questions from Council at this time.

Councilperson Elmore congratulated Gerald Dixon Ward 1 and Amy Smith Ward 3.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 7:25 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 7:25 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

Chairperson Morrison congratulated Ward 1 Gerald Dixon and Ward 3 Amy Smith on their wins. He knows they will do a great job for the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 122-2021 DRAFT # 10

**ACCEPTING THE ADDITION OF PARCEL #090-005410 AND PARCEL #090-001974 TO LOT 7;
ACCEPTING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7 TO THE OFFICE AT NORTON CROSSING.**

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said Council just received Exhibit A. If they recall, Council approved this plat for what was known at the time as lot 7. What this does is allow for the splitting of lot 7 into a lot 8 and a lot 9. City council has discussed and approved, on lot 8 is where the Commonwealth Bank is in the process of being built so this allows for that lot slit so that financing for that project can move forward. This will go to Planning Commission in December and then they respectfully request that City Council then pass this on second reading after it has gone to Planning Commission on December 7.

(Econ. Dev. – 2nd reading – ADOPT 12/07/2021–Morrison/Kantor)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 7:28 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Bailey opened at 7:28 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 105-2021 (*Inf. Maint. & Srvs. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 12/07/2021–(Heck/Kantor)*)

ACCEPTING CERTAIN STORM AND SANITARY EASEMENTS FROM NORTON CROSSING APARTMENTS, LLC ON PARCEL NUMBERS 090-008413, 090-008415, 090-008417, 090-008422, AND 090-008423.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Bailey closed at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 7:29 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Councilperson Conison congratulated Mr. Dixon and Ms. Smith on their wins.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 7:29 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 7:29 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2021 DRAFT # 11

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL 161.37(f) TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Kantor has spoken with Director Sorrell and they would like to have this legislation passed on first reading.

Councilperson Kantor congratulated Amy Smith and Gerald Dixon on their win. They ran a great campaign.

(Parks & Rec. – 1st reading – ADOPT 11/16/2021–Kantor/Conison)

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 7:31 p.m.

President Potter congratulated Gerald Dixon and Amy Smith on their new positions and is looking forward to them coming to Council. He congratulated Ms. Elmore and Ms. Heck for winning the bid back on Council as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council