

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2018

Jim Graham, Council President, called the March 6, 2018 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Kantor

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

President Graham advised that he would like a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g)(3) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;. Mr. Bailey so moved and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:37 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2018.

Jim Graham, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2018

Council President Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

At President Graham's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by those assembled.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of council were present:

Larry Morrison
Robert Bailey
Chris Rodriguez
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison
JoAnna Heck

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2018 agenda and regular meetings. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members responded in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Ryan introduced a group of Ohio State University students from the city and regional planning program who are working on some ideas on how to make Whitehall a more sustainable city. The students introduced themselves as Adam Porr, 161 W. California Ave., Nickolas Badman, 3630 Bulah Rd., Orion Thomas, 855 Sherbull Dr., Eric Roberts; 1208 Summit St. Mr. Porr explained that there will not be a PowerPoint presentation because the sustainability plan they are proposing is through a website. He brought up the website and explained each page.

Mayor Maggard asked why Etna Rd. was not as bicycle friendly.

Mr. Roberts said that the data came from MORPC so he is not sure why. Mr. Porr added that some of the data was derived from cyclist surveys so it may be based on people perception.

Ms. Elmore asked if there were other cities interested in sustainability projects.

Mr. Roberts said that locally Reynoldsburg is undergoing tree renovations. Lockbourne is expanding their recreational facilities and undergoing a sustainability plan. Upper Arlington has their own sustainability plan. He said most municipalities and communities have a plan.

Ms. Conison asked what Cogo stands for and if they were all undergrad students.

They said it stands for Columbus Gov. and they are all master's degree students studying City and Regional Planning.

Director Woodruff asked if Cogo demographics play any impact on the effectiveness of the programs.

Mr. Roberts said a lot depends on process and what kind of outreach you receive for it. If you don't have any public outreach you forgo any attempt ensuring that this will be used by the people. For instance, in places that have no bus routes, bike stations are a cheap way to be implemented.

Director Woodruff asked if on their research regarding cool roofs were done with solar panels or an alternative to solar panels. They utilized the Franklin County PACE program when they were building Wasserstrom and he was thinking that this could be something that could be added to the list.

Mr. Badman said if you want to do cool roofs and solar panels you are making your building more efficient. It is not a one or the other, the cheaper option is to do a cool roof. In the strategy section there is a project called the cool/white roof, which helps communities come out and paint roofs. There are many ways to save, which include completely replacing, painting, using different colors, etc. In California he knows that they have laws regarding cool roofs.

Director Woodruff said the website referenced change in building code. He asked if in Ohio or locally if cool roof is looked at from a building code standpoint.

Mr. Badman said not that he knows of. It looks like businesses and schools are picking it up themselves.

Director Woodruff asked if there was anyone locally that entertained outlawing plastic bags for litter.

They answered no.

Ms. Conison asked once the website is up and running who maintains it.

Mr. Porr said the only part that will require maintenance is the around town section, which involves a google map.

Mr. Morrison asked if the application of the white roof is also for residential.

Mr. Badman said it is mostly geared for business and institutional. There are of course options for residential properties and they have included them in their strategy.

Mr. Roberts asked for feedback if the website is the best format for a sustainability plan. For the plan to be sustainable they want to make sure it is in the best format to be utilized by Whitehall. They can keep it as a website; create a document or do both.

Mr. Bailey said that this is kind of a cultural way of thinking. He suggested involving school children at a young age in developing and implementing a sustainability plan.

Ms. Conison said she likes the website.

President Graham said people are more likely to look at it on the website then paper. They could link it to the city's website.

POLL PUBLIC

Don Miner, 660 Westphal. He came tonight to express his frustration with kids coming out of school and destroying property. He has called the police several times, but by the time they come the kids are gone. He feels that the community and the police department have to figure out a way to address this ongoing problem. He said it also affects the businesses because they have to close earlier. It's a growing problem and is worse on the streets that have the back alleys. These kids are going to go from throwing rocks at garages to breaking in to homes.

Mayor Maggard said she will personally talk to the police and she would like to get Mr. Miner's information after the meeting.

Gerald Dixon, 3877 Doney St. He stated that the sustainability plan for Whitehall was a great presentation and that council had some great questions. He congratulated Mr. Miner for coming to the meeting and sharing his concerns. He gave his concerns regarding poll public and the lack of back and forth conversations. He stated that when he speaks at poll public it is his only opportunity to converse with council and if there are problems in his government it his responsibility to point them out.

President Graham said that Mr. Dixon has his phone number and he can call him at any time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that they met last Tuesday and discussed three Ordinances and one Resolution 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 last Tuesday, they discussed an ordinance that will be heard tonight 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 last Tuesday and they discussed Ordinance 013-2018 and 014-2018 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 last Tuesday and they had no items on the agenda 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 last Tuesday and they had no items on the agenda their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Conison reported they met last week and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – President Graham reported that they met last week and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – she asked for favorable consideration for Ordinance Nos. 014-2018 and 023-2018. She invited everyone to come to the state of city address on March 14 at 6:30 at the Wasserstrom building on Broad St. There will be food provided by the Mad Greek Restaurant at 5:30.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – his official report for the month of February is there were 324 cases in Mayor's Court, 37 of them were of a criminal nature committed by Whitehall residents. This is about 11% and last year that number was 14%, so we are trending down with Whitehall residents. There were 87 cases that went down to municipal court; these include Domestic Violence and DUIs that want to be heard in front of a judge. Out of the 87 cases, 20 of them were of a criminal nature by Whitehall residents.

He thanked everyone for coming out to the Justice Circle meeting last week. He said anyone that wants to get involved and be a part of the solution as it relates to our youth needs to come to these Justice Circle meetings.

City Auditor Dan Miller – he asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance Nos. 010-2018, 011-2018, 015-2018 and Resolution No. 014-2018.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – he had no official report.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – he had no official report.

President Graham – advised that there have been no Officials' Reports filed in the Council Office since the last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for the March 8, 2018 meeting of the Planning Commission.
2. Minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting of the Planning Commission.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES

President Graham 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 present members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$445,720.00) FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).”

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2018 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 010-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“TRANSFERRING FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$450,745.10) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).”

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 011-2018 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 011-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 1333 AND THE MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 1127.”

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 013-2018 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 013-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“AMENDING 505.21 HUMANE CONFINEMENT AND TREATMENT OF DOGS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.”

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 014-2018 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 014-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 015-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE DA-PO (DIVERSION ALTERNATIVE – PROJECT OPIOID) GRANT FUND (255), APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE DA-PO GRANT FUND (255) TO THE DA-PO GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (255.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Ms. Elmore then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 015-2018 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion.

President Graham explained that DA-PO means Diversion Alternative Project Opioid.

There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 015-2018 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

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ORDINANCE NO. 021-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE REINSTALLATION.”

ORDINANCE NO. 022-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“AUTHORIZING MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER 1301.”

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMUNITY RECREATION FUND 310 IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$88,000.00); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS COMMUNITY RECREATION FUND 310 TO THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECTS EXPENSE ACCOUNT 310.000.54000 IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$88,000.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 023-2018 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Morrison then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 023-2018 and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 023-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 024-2018 was read by title only by President Graham)

“AMENDING 745 TITLED VENDORS AND SOLICITORS.”

ORDINANCE NO. 025-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

Refer to Planning Commission 3/8/18 & Public Hearing on 4/3/18

“AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST BROAD ST, PARCEL NUMBERS 090-000096, 090-005610, 090-000898, 090-000581, 090-005894, 090-000614 FROM APARTMENT DISTRICT (A-2), LIMITED COMMERCE DISTRICT (LCD), AND GENERAL COMMERCE DISTRICT (GCD) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY OF WHITEHALL.”

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 014-2018 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 014-2018 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 014-2018 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2018 was read by title only by President Graham

“RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT DESCRIBES THE PUBLIC NEED FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE WOODCLIFF CONDOMINIUMS AND AFFIRMING THE PUBLIC NEED FOR THE PROPERTY AS NUISANCE ABATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF CITY COUNCIL, TO MAKE AN OFFER TO PURCHASE 317 PARCELS FROM THE WOODCLIFF CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION.”

POLL PUBLIC

Gerald Dixon, 3877 Doney St. He gave his opinion and concerns regarding Ordinance 024-2018, Vendors and Solicitors.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Ms. King said the State of the City Address is March 14 at 6:30 at Wasserstrom. Food provided at 5:30 p.m. King Gyro is having an event to support the FOP on Sunday, March 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Consion said on March 21 at 3:30 at the High School they will be stuffing Easter eggs.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming and their input. He enjoyed the Sustainable for Whitehall presentation. He hopes everyone has a good week.

Mr. Bailey thanked everyone for coming. He said sustainability is a big topic around the United States and he is excited to see it come to our community. He asked Mr. Miner for his address and told him that they will try to get him the resources he needs to help with his concerns.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone for coming and said the sustainability program was a wonderful presentation and something that will be great for the community. He thanked Mr. Miner for bringing his concerns forward and said it is something we need to be more proactive on.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone for their comments and concerns. We care about the welfare of all the citizens of Whitehall, we are listening. She said she loved the Justice Circle Program. The sustainability project is moving in the right direction.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for coming. She said the students who presented the sustainability program were very professional and the work they did was top quality. She asked Mr. Miner if he knew what time of the day these issues were taking place. She reported that in her neighborhood they were having the same problems so they got together as a group and tried to talk with the kids. She thanked Mr. Dixon for his comments.

Ms. Heck thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone who got up and spoke. She asked Mr. Miner if she could get together with him after the meeting. She speaks and works with a lot of the children in the schools and maybe she can offer some guidance. She also suggested talking with the principal of the school.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming out this evening. It is always important to hear from the citizens, we do listen. We do the best we can with the information we are given.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all present members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2018.

Jim Graham, Council President