

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – March 10, 2020

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey called the March 10, 2020 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. He said President Potter is out of town on business and Chairperson Kantor is ill and will not be in attendance tonight.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Pro-Tem Bob Bailey
City Attorney Michael Bivens
Auditor Dan Miller
Treasurer Steve Quincel

Council Members

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

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey said one item of business that is not on the agenda that President Potter wanted him to talk about was the Council Rules of Procedure for 2020-2021. We need to approve those as a body and then Chairperson Elmore will revisit her thoughts at another meeting but we need to get it approved and get it in place.

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey asked City Attorney Bivens about the formality of voting on the Rules of Procedure and if they had to be out front.

City Attorney Bivens replied by Charter you have the right to approve your own rules and it does not need to go to a formal vote with a motion and a second.

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey asked for a show of hands if you were okay with the current Rules of Procedure and putting them in place and we can revisit any ideas that Chairperson Elmore may have later.

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey asked the Clerk to let the record show that all Council members were in agreement and that he knew Chairperson Kantor was okay with the current rules.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

M.O.R.P.C. to present the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Thea Walsh, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Development gave an overview of the MTP which identifies regional transportation strategies and projects, 20 plus years of long range goals, fiscally constrained and the formal document submitted to ODOT and USDOT every 4 years. She outlined the regional goals as reducing energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability, protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community, position central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally, create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents quality of life, increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures and to use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the people.

At this time, Thea Walsh answered questions from Council members.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Pro-Tem Bailey said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda for Committee of the Whole.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:51 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 012-2020 – Draft # 1

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$712.71) 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 SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$712.71) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/17/2020– Bailey/Rodriguez)

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2020 – Draft # 2

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 59/100 DOLLARS (\$8,578.59) FROM THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 013-2020 was withdrawn by Auditor Miller.

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2020 – Draft # 3

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$7,865.88) 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 SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$7,865.88) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller said the reason for so many pieces of legislation for this one thing is when he did the budget at the end of the year for the next year he knows how much to deduct out of the TIF. He can put those figures into the budget but he has no idea what the TIF fee's and the revenue sharing are going to be. He keeps those open and he has to appropriate, remember Draft 2 appropriates the money for the TIF fees. He did not think Draft 2 was needed and that it was redundant. He is already making a supplemental appropriation with Draft 3 and he is making an appropriation in Draft 1. He withdrew Draft 2 from the agenda.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/17/2020– Bailey/Morrison)

ORDINANCE NO. 015-2020 – Draft # 4

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE HUNDRED FIVE AND 31/100 DOLLARS (\$905.31) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller said this is the revenue sharing for the first five TIF's.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/17/2020– Bailey/Conison)

ORDINANCE NO. 016-2020 – Draft # 5

AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND 64/100 DOLLARS (\$18,357.64) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CONTINGENCY EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.59900) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Miller said he will say this about the delinquent taxes. He has requested to have all the delinquent taxes abated and refunded to the City including all the interest and penalties. Those properties were eligible for what is known as non-productive land. As soon as we acquired them they should have been tax exempt from the beginning. He did receive last year’s county taxes abated and now he is working on these years. They sent the tax bills late and to the wrong address. That wrong address then forwarded them to the City. That is a big chunk of money if he can get it back.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 04/21/2020– Bailey/Morrison)

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2020 – Draft # 6

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

Auditor Miller said this is just another then and now. The bills came in late and we pay them late.

(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 03/17/2020– Bailey/Conison)

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:57 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:57 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Community, Standards and Enforcement.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 6:57 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:58 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 6:58 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:58 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 6:58 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

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

There was no discussion in Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

There was no discussion in Public Safety.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

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

There was no discussion in Parks and Recreation.

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

Council President Pro-Tem Bailey said that the State of the City has been cancelled.

City Attorney Michael Bivens said his wife Joy was invited and will be testifying tomorrow before Congresses Ways and Means Committee on childhood poverty. Whitehall was almost featured in that speech as it relates to our diversion efforts as we target poverty but he section is going to be specific to childhood poverty. There will be two other panelists, one from Chicago and one from Los Angeles that will talk on other issues as it relates to poverty. The reason it is one of these clandestine deals is because they will make a decision on the spot to air it live or to tape it. She will be doing that testimony at 11:00 a.m. and if they do it live then it will be on CSPAN. You will get to see one of our very own Whitehall residents testifying before Congress. If they tape it, it will air the following week. He will let everyone know and he is really proud of her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council