

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – April 28, 2020

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Council President Potter called the April 28, 2020 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  
Mayor Kim Maggard

Council Members

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

President Potter advised that he would like a motion to adjourn to executive session at the end of the committee meeting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Mr. Bailey so moved and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all members voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ORDINANCE NO. 028-2020 – Draft 1

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, 161.37 TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, TO GO INTO EFFECT ON MAY 9, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Maggard stated she had sent everyone an email late last week in reference to the piece of legislation and the layoffs within the City. There are some positions that are being moved from full-time to part-time and those need to be changed in the codified ordinances. Basically it will affect the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and the Paralegal in the City Attorney's office. She asked that the legislation be voted on at the first reading.

*(Comm. Of the Whole – 1st reading – ADOPT 05/05/2020–Conison/Kantor)*

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:33 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 029-2020 – Draft # 2

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 99/100 DOLLARS (\$27,236.99) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE AIR SOUTH URBAN RENEWAL INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279.000.50006); MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 99/100 DOLLARS (\$27,236.99) FROM THE AIR SOUTH URBAN RENEWAL INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279.000.50006) TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES/PLANNING FUND (316); MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 99/100 DOLLARS (\$27,236.99) FROM THE ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FUND (316) TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (316.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey stated that back in 2019 they created the Air South Urban Redevelopment Incentive account and it was created to help cover a portion of the costs of the redevelopment of property within the City for creation of jobs at the redeveloped property. Now we need to make and approve those funds.

Mayor Maggard said she would like to remind everyone that this is not general fund money but is actually money that comes in from property taxes.

President Potter asked if this needed passed on first reading and Mayor Maggard replied yes.

*(Admin/Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading – ADOPT 05/05/2020– Bailey/Rodriguez)*

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:35 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:35 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 6:35 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:35 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Elmore wanted to give a special congratulation to Ms. Archer at Etna Road Elementary for receiving the Torch Award from the Ohio Department of Education. Also she has received positive feedback from the community about the dinners that are being given out and she feels it is a great program and would like to see it continued.

Having no further business, Chairperson Elmore closed at 6:37 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:37 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was discussion on Norton Crossing and how construction is moving right along.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:37 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:37 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Mayor Maggard said the basement at City Hall is ready for drywall. They are trying to do it as economical as possible. They are using the City's employees to put up the drywall and will be hiring a

finisher to complete the job. The City Attorney's office has moved to the Wellness Center. Employees will start returning to work on May 11, 2020.

Chairperson Elmore asked if any thought had been given to allowing employees to continue to work from home and Mayor Maggard replied yes they have talked about it and they are open to employees continuing to work from home.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 6:39 p.m.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 6:39 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Mayor Maggard said she and Chief Crispen feels the curfew worked well for the City and it will not be extended past May 1, 2020.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Conison closed at 6:40 p.m.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Chairperson Kantor said he has spoken with Director Sorrell and then had a meeting with the Commission. The Mayor was also in attendance and knows of some of the changes that are taking place. There was discussion on the walking paths, playground equipment, baseball tournaments and the t-ball league. On the City's website there is information about the changes to the Parks Department.

Chairperson Elmore asked Mayor Maggard about the opening of the City's parks and when they may open. Mayor Maggard replied she would does not know when that will happen or when the basketball hoops will be put back up.

There was discussion about the splash pad opening and Mayor Maggard said she will be surprised if it opens at all this year. The Park and Recreation Department will get the water flowing for the splash pad because you don't want it to sit a year with no water in it. At this time, there is no plans to open it for public use.

There was discussion on the City's fireworks display and Mayor Maggard said she will be making the decision to go ahead or cancel by mid-May.

Chairperson Kantor said the Park and Recreation Department has been hit hard by the budget cuts but they will do okay.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 6:47 p.m.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:49 p.m. The executive session ended at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council