

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the May 19, 2020 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Conison.

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

Mayor Maggard said regarding many of the flooding issues that we have had in Whitehall, a couple months ago and today, feeling that the rainfalls in the future will be just as bad or worse than what we have experienced we need to do something to help our homeowners, regarding the amount of water that has been seeping into the basements and flooding after these type of hard rains. First of all, we need to appropriate funds. You will notice today in your packet we are reducing the amounts in certain other funds and because of that we can take money and put it into this new expense account in order to help homeowners. While we do not have all the details worked out, I am working with Director Woodruff on this plan and we will promote the plan later and we will give it to Council before we promote it to the public so that we may have your input as well. Right now we are just making sure the funds are set aside so it is not spent on anything else. Basically, that is what we are doing today and we will bring our plan to Council for your input in a couple of weeks. She thanked Council for being so patient.

Mayor Maggard answered questions in reference to the plan from Council members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – May 19, 2020

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

At President Potter's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Ms. Conison was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Kantor moved to approve the Minutes of the May 05, 2020, agenda and regular meeting. Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the minutes were approved as submitted.

POLL PUBLIC:

City Council Clerk Julie Ogg read the following emails:

Gerald Dixon
3877 Doney St.
Whitehall, OH 43213

President of Council, members of Council,

For the 2nd time in only 60 days, Whitehall has experienced terrible flooding, that which has again created another physical, emotional and financial burden to Whitehallians, some of whom are simply not going to be able to bear it a second time.

We have heard from Service Director Woodruff two months ago on this issue and again today, this time with Mayor Maggard alongside. They have offered up reasonable explanations for the causes of this trauma, which I thank them for. However, as a resident whose family has been here over half a century, I can personally attest that these events are exceedingly rare and uncommon. And while I understand officials have no hand in God Almighty's agenda, they *do* work on the citizens, so, to that end, there must be solutions and efforts towards, at least, mitigating these events for the benefit of those whom they DO work for.

To that end, I want to see and hear Council, the Mayor and her administration brainstorming to come up with solutions for the future. It is clear, with perhaps more of these storms appearing on a regular basis with the threat of climate change and/or the systems for drainage being antiquated and insufficient for this deluge, that some repair, some solution to correct it, needs to be addressed. Perhaps even a symposium amongst Central Ohio's suburban Mayors, along with engineers and such.

What I do know is this, with this threat to our community's health and vitality, unless bold solutions are brought forth to remedy this situation, no amount of people, rich or poor or in between, will ever want to make Whitehall their home. So then, no amount of aesthetic improvement to draw in tax paying citizens and businesses and consumers will ever be enough to ward off the wave of negative impacts this sort of calamity will continue to serve up. Thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee met last Tuesday 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 and their minutes are on file. They have no pending legislation and they will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Rodriguez reported that they met last Tuesday 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 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 their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – President Potter reported that Public Safety met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

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

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – asked for consideration on first reading and approval on Ordinances 037-2020, 038-2020, 039-2020, 040-2020, 044-2020 and 045-2020. Director Woodruff will speak to some other issues that concern Council this evening.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – was not present.

City Auditor Dan Miller – was not present.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – said he was in early this morning dealing with the flooding issue that occurred overnight and into the morning and he wanted to apologize for his attire this evening. He wanted to thank the hard work of Jeff Hart, Ty Peterson, Will Ogg and Robert Brinson who are members of our staff who were in very early this morning dealing with this issue. As the Mayor has mentioned we are cognizant of the flooding issue that occurred overnight and this morning. Our sympathies go out to folks who have had to deal with this issue for a second time in 60 days. The central Ohio region was hit with extremely hard rainfall last night. We had about 3.7 inches of rainfall in the last 24 hours. We saw more rainfall in 6 hours than during the entire flooding event that occurred in March. Between midnight and 2:00 a.m. we received approximately an inch of rain an hour and nearly 3 inches between 10:30 p.m. last night and 3:00 a.m. As an example, this was just not limited to Whitehall. The Olentangy river along Cannon Drive near O.S.U. crested at its 50-year flood level. Obviously, the first

issue is caused by the rainfall surge in our creeks and streams. There was a flash flood warning issued yesterday and I think all of us saw that in Big Walnut, Turkey Run and Mason Run where those creeks crested their banks, which did not allow then for the storm water to clear the system. The second issue then come from the excess storm water that has nowhere to go because once the creeks and streams have crested that water cannot discharge. Water does what water does. It finds a place to go, which in our case, in Columbus' case, in Bexley and in other communities is into our sanitary system. That is through manhole covers, cracks or roots in sanitary lines, people opening up manhole covers in the street to let the streets drain. The is a variety of different reasons that it happens. Again, this is not just limited to Whitehall. Our system is tied into the City of Columbus' system, much like other communities. When there is flooding throughout the region and the system is oversaturated it creates a bottleneck. There is no fix for this, short of a regional approach to increase capacity. We could increase the size of our pipes in Whitehall but if we do not increase the capacity of the City of Columbus sewer system it has nowhere to go and creates a bottleneck. As I have talked to a tremendous amount of residents today, they all ask the same question, what is the City doing to address flooding? In the short-term we have asked residents who have experienced flooding both on March 20th and May 19th to go to our website and fill out a form where they can put down their information, the amount of damage, how much water, they can add photos and we are collecting this data as we work with the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency which is our point of contact for ultimately FEMA. The City of Whitehall cannot go directly to FEMA. We have to go through Franklin County, who then goes through the Ohio EMA. We collect this data, provide it to FCEMA who then collects data from the rest of Franklin county and then ultimately they work on our behalf to see if we can actually qualify for some disaster relief funds. We ask anyone who has experienced flooding to go to our website www.whitehall-oh.us and complete the form. The City has embarked on a 15 year multi-million-dollar plan, approved by the EPA to reduce the amount of infiltration of storm water into our sanitary system. We are in the middle of this plan so it includes things like inserting new liners into old sanitary lines to prevent that infiltration. It is improving and replacing manhole covers. In some cases, it was even separating places where our sanitary and storm sewers were hooked together. So we are doing that to mitigate the amount of rainwater that can get into your system. But again, I remind you it is all about what is down flow from us. Those are the things we are doing right now. Finally, in the short term, the Mayor has prepared legislation that is on Councils agenda this evening that would appropriate funds for a homeowner flooding prevention and mitigation program. We are still working on the details about what kind of programs, what kind of mitigation projects would be considered and how each resident would be able to qualify. We are working on that and as the Mayor mentioned we how to get something back to you here very shortly. We understand both of these rain events by the data suggest they are somewhere between a ten and a twenty-five-year rain event. It sounds disingenuous when we say that because they happened sixty days apart. But that is what the data says, that's how much rain we received in a short period of time. We certainly want to be resources to folks, that is why we have contacted and are partnered with the Franklin County EMA to determine if any federal funds can be received here and that is why the Mayor has asked for the funding to establish this program to be able to work towards mitigating this problem in the future for our residents.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – was not present.

President Potter – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Mayor's Report to Council for April 2020, Auditor's Expense Report for April 2020, the Auditor's Bank Report for April 2020, the Auditor's Statement of Cash Position Report for April 2020 and the Auditor's Revenue Report for April 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

There was no Communications, Petitions and Claims.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Potter 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 members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

There was no legislation for third readings.

SECOND READING:

There was no legislation for second readings.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 035-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE MAY 2020 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 035-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 035-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 035-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 035-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 036-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 031-2020; MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 83/100 DOLLARS (\$43,169.83) FROM THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (279) TO VARIOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS IN THE 279 FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTION OF THE TOTAL SERVICE PAYMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH TIF TO THE AFFECTED VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (279) IN THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO 100% OF THE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED OF FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 83/100 DOLLARS (\$43,169.83) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 036-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 036-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 036-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 036-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 037-2020 was read by title only by *President Potter*:

AMENDING 135.16(C)(1) TITLED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PROJECT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 037-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 037-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 037-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 037-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 038-2020 was read by title only by *President Potter*:

AMENDING 135.18(b) TITLED FLEET RESERVE AND MAINTENANCE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 038-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 038-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 038-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 038-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 039-2020 was read by title only by *President Potter*:

AMENDING 135.21(b)(1) WATER AND SEWER MANDATE IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 039-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 039-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 039-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 039-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 040-2020 was read by title only by *President Potter*:

AMENDING 143.15(d)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TITLED “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BILLING” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 040-2020 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 040-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 040-2020 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 040-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 041-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO SELL APPROXIMATELY .2 ACRES OF PARCELS 090-005410 AND 090-001974 TO CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

ORDINANCE NO. 042-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CREDIT CARD TAX FEES ACCOUNT (101.950.59620), APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND AND NO 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CREDIT CARD FEES EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.59620) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 042-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 042-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 042-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 042-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 043-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

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 STREET, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008249, FROM EXCEPTIONAL USE DISTRICT (EU) TO GENERAL COMMERCE DISTRICT (GCD), PROPERTY OWNED BY OFFICE CITY INC.

ORDINANCE NO. 044-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND (550); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND (550) TO THE HOMEOWNER FLOODING MITIGATION EXPENSE ACCOUNT 550.000.56000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 044-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion.

Mr. Bailey said he would like to comment on Ordinance 044-2020 and Ordinance 045-2020. We have all heard feedback on these two events that have been hard on the citizens which caused flooding and damage. I think everyone agrees and I would like to quote a gentleman by the name of Earl Pitts, after he would discuss things in public like on the radio he would always follow up with "Isn't it about time somebody done something." That is the resounding sound that you hear in the community whether by text, phone call or email. Mayor I would like to ask a question, "Ordinance 044-2020 and Ordinance 045-2020, didn't you request and prepare both of these?" The Mayor replied "yes." I assume these are your words Mayor since you created these documents. I would like to read from Ordinance 044-2020, the third Whereas, it says "Whereas an account titled Homeowners Flood Mitigation Expense Account has been created to support the program that will assist homeowners with mitigating future basement flooding events." Then on the third Whereas on Ordinance 045-2020, it says "Whereas it is proper and right that

priorities should be focused on providing homeowners access to prevent and for mitigating future basement flooding.” I assume Mayor, that is your intent out of caring for these events that have taken place and it demonstrates your care and concern. I think it is also exhibited by comments by Director Woodruff today that shows how important this issue is for the Administration and they are working to finally do something. I appreciate that because now we can share with the community that things are happening and have been happening. Like Director Woodruff said, some of this stuff takes fifteen years. It is a fifteen-year plan. I do agree with Mr. Dixon that there needs to be a discussion because there are further things to talk about and I do believe it needs to involve other communities. I just want to say thank you to the Mayor for addressing this issue this quick and being so proactive that at least it gives some promise for the future. It won’t be a quick fix but at least somebody’s doing something. I appreciate that. Thank you.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 044-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 044-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 044-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 045-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND 550 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) TO THE HOMEOWNER FLOODING MITIGATION PROGRAM EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 045-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 045-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 045-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 045-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING A LETTER TO MICHAEL STINZIANO, AUDITOR OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO ALLOWING FOR ADVANCES ON REAL ESTATE TAX SETTLEMENTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSFER.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 012-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 012-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 012-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 012-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 013-2020 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 013-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 013-2020 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 013-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP-WHITEHALL JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

No comments at this time.

POLL COUNCIL:

Mr. Kantor wanted to thank all those watching and he knows there are some serious concerns because he was in many homes today. He would like to thank members of City Council for unanimously passing on first reading Ordinances 044-2020 and 045-2020. He thanked the Mayor for offering this legislation and getting it ready. He does not know of any other community who has an assistance program like this we are going to implement in the future for the residents. There is a lot of devastation and destruction out there. He thanked the City workers for getting out there very early this morning. Mr. Bailey said it very well when he was introducing Ordinances 044-2020 and 045-2020 and he wanted to thank him for that. I have heard other people say there are other communities that have it just as bad. We are being proactive here. We will get this done and he knows the Mayor will bring to them very soon to Council plans they can discuss and go over. His sympathies and prayers go out to those affected by the flooding. He saw new furnaces, hot water heaters, washers and dryers, lawn mowers all ruined by the flooding. His family was affected also. We will get through this. Please bear with us. Better times are coming. He thanked the Mayor again.

Ms. Heck thanked all those watching from home. She agrees with the two Councilmen who spoke prior. She thanked the Mayor for bringing legislation forward so quickly. She looks forward to diving into this and hopefully getting people the help that they need to fix this in the future.

Mr. Morrison said he would like to follow everyone's comments. He thanked all those watching from home. He thanked Mr. Dixon for his poll public. It was very constructive. He thanked the Mayor and Mr. Woodruff and Bob for their explanations and Mr. Kantor for his great input as well. He wanted everyone to have a great week and to stay safe.

Mr. Bailey said he had no other comments except to echoed what everyone in the room is feeling in their hearts.

Mr. Rodriguez said this is a tough time and we will get through this as we always do. The steps forward that the administration is taking are very positive steps. There is a lot of frustration out there right

now and there is more rain coming. It is going to get worse before it gets better but we will get through it. He wishes Jo Anna belated birthday wishes. He advised everyone to check their homeowner's policy to see if you have water back-up coverage. It is very inexpensive to purchase. Ohio has one of the best rates in the country on homeowner's insurance. Renters can also purchase this type of coverage.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone who is viewing through Facebook. She wanted to add that between the Covid pandemic, people not working this is just one more thing to add on folk's plates. It is a lot to handle. She would like to add that Ordinances 044-2020 and 045-2020 is in response to a historical flooding event happening in Whitehall and we are not the only City, however, the Mayor and the Administrations swift action to create legislation that will deal with and help folks that the flooding has caused speaks to the care and concern we all have for the residents of this City. She thanked Director Woodruff for his explanation of the causes for the flooding and the action that is being taken to address the devastation. It is a lot and her heart goes out to everyone who has flooding. She has flooding too. She gets it. She feels it too. At the same time, she feels they have a responsibility to have more care in our hearts. Treat people with respect because at the end of the day we are all experiencing things we have never experienced before. Tolerance in all of this should be at the highest level and we need to band together as a community and continue to be the community that cares, that offers opportunity, sees an issue and addresses it quickly. That is what we have done to help the residents of Whitehall. She would not live any other place because of the people that occupy Whitehall and the Administration that is here today. She thanked everyone who is represented here, the people who just say thank you, those that poll in, I am there with you. She appreciates it and needs to hear that kind of stuff. It is not easy. We all have our issues. Her hope for all of you is to be more community friendly, help your neighbors and reach out to help each other. She wanted everyone to be well, stay safe and care for each other.

President Potter feels some wonderful comments were made this evening. In summary he thinks ninety days ago that ninety days from that point we would have two major flooding incidents and Covid-19. Nobody would have even thought that but yet they have experienced all three of those. To Ms. Elmore's point, with so many outside forces we do have control over as well as Mother Nature again and Covid-19, we do need to pull together because we cannot let the outside forces get the better of us. We have to have the strength to help and protect each other. He thanked the Mayor and the Administration for the actions they have taken by introducing the legislation this evening and he thanked the Service Department and your team for their very proactive efforts this morning and throughout the day and he wanted to thank the citizens for understanding and appreciating the times we are in and recognizing that everything that is possible is being done. Your voices are not falling on deaf ears.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President