

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – May 26, 2020

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Council President Potter called the May 26, 2020 Council Committees' meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Thomas Potter  
Development Director Zach Woodruff  
Econ. Dev. Manager Jenna Goehring  
Comm. Affairs Manager Megan Meyer

Council Members

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 041-2020

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.

*(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 06/16/2020- Elmore/Rodriguez)*

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2020

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

*(Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd reading – ADOPT 06/16/2020-Morrison/Heck)*

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Bailey opened at 6:44 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 048-2020 – Draft # 1

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRE FORTY-SEVEN AND 30/100 DOLLARS (\$3,147.30) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE TRANSFER EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-950-59999); APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 30/100 DOLLARS (\$3,147.30) FROM THE TRANSFER EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.59999) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFITS RESERVE FUND (505) APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 30/100 DOLLARS (\$3,147.30) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE ACCRUED BENEFITS RESERVE FUND (505) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFITS RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (505-000-51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Bailey said this piece of legislation is to pay the obligation the City has to employees for leave accrual when retiring or separating from the City.

*(Adm. & Financial Mngt -1st reading-ADOPT 06/02/2020- Bailey/Conison)*

Having no further business, Chairperson Bailey closed at 6:45 p.m.

### COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez opened at 6:45 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

#### **SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 043-2020

***PUBLIC HEARING 07/07/2020***

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.

*(Comm. Stand. & Enf. -3<sup>rd</sup> reading-ADOPT 06/16/2020- Rodriguez/Kantor)*

Having nothing further, Chairperson Rodriguez closed at 6:46 p.m.

### COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Elmore opened at 6:46 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 6:46 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Morrison opened at 6:46 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 047-2020 - Draft # 2

***PUBLIC HEARING 07/07/2020***

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1122 OF THE 1970 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER 1123.10(c)(1) TO ALLOW ARMSTRONG DEVELOPMENT TO OPERATE A DRIVE-IN WINDOW AND DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4720 E. MAIN STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY SUGAR PROPERTIES LLC.

Economic Development Manager Jenna Goehring said this property is at 4720 E. Main Street and Armstrong Development is wanting to operate a new fast food restaurant with a drive through window, patio and dining in the front. They have met all the standards that are in the code. Lori Morton is working on putting together the Planning Commission materials today and she will get that to Council within the next couple of days.

At this time Economic Development Manager Jenna Goehring answered questions from Council members in regard to the location of the property.

At this time Economic Development Director Zach Woodruff answered questions from Council members in regard to various restaurants with open permits within the City.

*(Econ. Dev. -3<sup>rd</sup> reading-ADOPT 07/07/2020- Morrison/Bailey)*

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 6:50 p.m.

### INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Heck opened at 6:50 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Economic Development Director Zach Woodruff introduced Joe Durham and Mary Long to Council. He said they wanted to take a couple minutes of their time to talk about the City's trash contract. The trash contract expires at the end of the year. The City is part of a group called Consortium Two. Joe Durham and his firm have been retained by SWACO to help with the bid procurement for trash services.

Joe Durham said this was the third round of Consortium Two bidding they have been through and he feels they have had very good success with the first two. We expected the third time for the price to go up based on market and what has happened in the recycling business industry. They had two bids and they opened them up on April 30, 2020. This is for the collection of your solid waste, recycling and yard waste. Local Waste was the lowest bidder. That price is at \$19.20 for status quo for one or two eighteen gallon bins and unlimited yard waste at the curb. SWACO had the opportunity to structure the bid to allow communities to obtain sixty-four-gallon recycling carts through a grant opportunity. Several other communities have taken advantage of this. Residents will have the opportunity to choose from a three tier structure depending on their needs. SWACO's goal is to get people to recycle more. Rumpke's bid came in at \$21.61. Those bids will be open for a period of time and he does not want to see them linger for too long because of implementation if you go to a two cart system. Certainly there is a few months to make your decision. They wanted to put the information in front of Council and Director Woodruff has some other options to get the information out to the community about the change in price and the change in the system as well. Director Woodruff is going to ask Mary and SWACO to come back in June to talk about the benefits of diversion and the increase in recycling.

Economic Development Director Zach Woodruff said residents have not seen an increase in their trash bill for ten years. The contract that was awarded five years ago did not have a price increase. The Administration is doing its due diligence at looking at changing from the status quo to the cart system. Councils help and support is needed in weekly survey test on trash day by taking inventory of what percentage of our residents would not benefit from using a ninety-six-gallon trash can. A survey will be put on our website asking them about their trash habits, how they dispose of their trash and what size they think their family would need. For the month of June along with the first ten or so folks who complete the survey online, each Council member, Auditor and City Attorney will be provided with a ninety-six-gallon cart and a sixty-four-gallon recycling cart so each of you can get a sense of what exactly does this mean and how much trash can be put in it. We want to get a good idea how this will impact the service, how would it improve the service, what does it do for litter and what does it do for people putting out trash. We want to have the month of June to evaluate this system and we will have SWACO come back in June to present some information about what waste diversion and what they have learned from other communities who use the cart system. We believe this to be a more equitable way of providing the service so that the single senior who has just one bag of trash a week is able to have a lower cost for their service and not subsidize the large family next door that would fill up a ninety-six-gallon container every week. There will be four times a year when trash collection would be unlimited and this will not affect bulk items. The month of June will be used to gather all the information needed to understand the new process. We are confident this will have a great impact on litter throughout the community.

At this time, Economic Development Director Zach Woodruff and Joe Durham answered question from City Council members.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Heck closed at 7:23 p.m.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Conison opened at 7:23 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 7:23 p.m.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kantor opened at 7:23 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Chairperson Kantor said he has spoken with Director Sorrell. Some of the dead trees along Etna Road have been replaced. They are getting caught up on the mowing despite the excessive rainfall. The playgrounds and the splash pad are closed until further notice. The YMCA should be opening up at the end of June.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Kantor closed at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council