

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2017

Council President Graham called the June 6, 2017, agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Bailey.

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

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – JUNE 6, 2017

Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

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:

Van Gregg
Karen Conison
Wes Kantor
Lee Stahley
Larry Morrison
Chris Rodriguez

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2017 agenda and regular meetings. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – President Graham reported on behalf of Chairperson Bailey that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Engagement – Chairperson Conison reported that they met last Tuesday 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 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 Gregg 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 – Chairperson Stahley said they met last week and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m. He said he hopes that everyone got to see the K9 demonstration on Facebook this afternoon.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor 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 – informed everyone about a block party next Monday at Norton Field Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She said this will highlight some of the infrastructure improvements that have been going on in that park in the last couple of years. She said it will also get neighbors out to meet each other and that will help everyone looking out for each other. The Parks Commission is actively supporting this and the Parks Director was able to get a couple of grants to make this happen. She said they hope to have more block parties in the future. Lastly, she is hoping that the demolition for the armory will start at the end of next week.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – reported there were 306 cases in Mayor's Court for the month of May; only 98 were Whitehall residents, 41 were of a criminal nature. Out of the 41 residents, only 5 were crimes against persons or property. He stated at least your neighbors are not committing crimes against each other. He said he lives over by the basketball courts and he asked people to take some time this summer to go over and watch the activity. He said you would be surprised on how much your presence can help, especially with people that may have some bad intentions.

City Auditor Dan Miller – had no official report.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – reminded everyone that the Etna Rd. project has started and the one-way road will start tomorrow at 7:00 am. It will last about 180 days and hopefully be wrapped up in the middle of November. He reported that the city was unsuccessful in getting the neighborhood works grant through the federal government. He stated that it was an extremely competitive process and unfortunately because of that we were unable to secure the grant with rebuilding central Ohio. He said his staff is in the process of notifying all the applicants that have applied. He will let council know when the deadlines are for the normal 2017 Home Rehab program once details are firmed up. He explained that the plan was if we were unsuccessful we will repackage the rehab program with what we have done in the past and follow the same guidelines. This will accompany the side walk grant program that we have already talked about.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – had no official report.

Council President Graham - advised that the following Official's Reports has been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Mayor's Report to Council for April 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

1. Agenda for the May 25, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. Minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
3. Agenda for the June 1, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission.
4. Minutes for the May 4, 2017 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. The six present members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 024-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF A REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A NEW PROJECT IN THE AIR SOUTH COMMERCE PARK WITHIN THE POTH ROAD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF NEW JOBS WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE RELATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 024-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 024-2017 was adopted.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 038-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TRANSFERRING EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$80,594.14) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUND (280); MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$80,594.14) FROM THE TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUND (280) TO THE TAX INCENTIVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (280-000-50000) AND AUTHORIZING AN INCOME TAX REVENUE SHARING PAYMENT TO THE AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM THE TAX INCENTIVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (280-000-50000) IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$80,594.14) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 039-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS FROM VARIOUS WMPITIE FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND 79/100 DOLLARS (\$7,014.79) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 042-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AMENDING SECTION 161.37(e)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.”

ORDINANCE NO. 044-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

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)(10) TO ALLOW MARC NOLAN (dba BUCKEYE CITY MOTORSPORTS) TO OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE DEALERSHIP, AND THEIR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4106 E. MAIN STREET, PROPERTY OWNED BY MARC NOLAN.”

RESOLUTION NO. 028-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

RESOLUTION NO. 029-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO (ADDRESSES AND PARCEL NUMBERS AS PROVIDED WITHIN THE TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION), CERTIFYING SUCH COSTS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST SUCH PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 045-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT / PROJECT FUND (311) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (311-000-54000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 047-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) FROM THE STAFF PT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.700.51500) TO THE REC/PARK FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-750-59000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 030-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Resolution No. 030-2017 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 030-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 031-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Resolution No. 031-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 031-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 013-2017 RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 032-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Morrison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 032-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 032-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A 2017 TARGET COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT GRANT (GIFT) THROUGH THE TARGET CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 033-2017 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Resolution No. 033-2017 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 033-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 49 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS, CHANGES TO THE CURRENT THROWBACK PROVISION CREATING A LOSS OF REVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 034-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion.

Auditor Miller explained that the reason why he created this resolution is because House Bill 049-2017 is currently winding its way through the senate. He said the part that will hurt the city the most is the eliminating the throwback provision. He stated that will cost the city a lot of money. He said he will be sending this resolution to the Senate and the Finance Committee to let them know what the City of Whitehall thinks.

On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Resolution No. 034-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 034-2017 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Ms. King said that this Sunday the band is Dean Simms for Music in the Park starting at 6:00 p.m. weather permitting.

Events are listed on the City's Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Gregg thanked the loyal people for coming and wished everyone a good evening.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for coming and hopes to see everyone in a couple of weeks. She congratulated Janice on an article she saw on Facebook.

Mr. Kantor dittoed what they all said and told everyone to have a good week.

Mr. Stahley thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good week.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming and hopes that they didn't have much difficulty finding a seat. He wished everyone a good week.

Mr. Rodriguez echoed the previous comments.

President Graham said that they really do appreciate the loyal people that come to the meetings. He said at least there are a couple of people that are interested and willing to listen and try to make some sense of it. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Having nothing further, Mr. Rodriguez moved to adjourn and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, President of Council