WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

JULY	5, 2017	

Council President Graham called the July 5, 2017, agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Gregg.

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

Director Woodruff said that one of the things he heard last week was a desire to separate Ordinance Nos. 056-2017 and 057-2017. He amended Ordinance Nos. 056-2017 and 057-2017 to only deal with the Beechwood Road traffic light. He added Ordinance Nos. 062-0271 and 063-2017 to deal with the Etna Road traffic light.

Mr. Kantor stated that Ordinance No. 057-2017 needs to be amended to add the "and" back in. Director Woodruff said he will add the "and" back in, but he believes it is a typo and it does not need to be amended.

Mr. Bailey asked if Beechwood Road and Briarwood Road should be viewed as two separate issues. Director Woodruff said that Briarwood was not one of the ones that they discussed last week on separating with new legislation. Mr. Bailey said O.K.

President Graham said that Ordinance No. 064-2017 has been added on to the agenda. Mayor Maggard said that Auditor Miller requested this because we got a lot of forfeitures demanded by the court to pay back and we need to put more money in the expense account. She stated there is money in the fund, but sometimes they have to pay things back.

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 – JULY 5, 2017

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Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 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:

Wes Kantor Lee Stahley Larry Morrison Bob Bailey Chris Rodriguez Karen Conison

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Bailey 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. Gregg was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Patrick Losinski, CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library. He stated he was just at the retirement party for Shirley Freeman who was the Branch Manager for the Whitehall Library. He introduced Casey Cox as the new Branch Manager for Whitehall and Nikki Scarpetti who handles Government relations for the Libraries. He reported that they just won the 2017 American Institute of Architects and American Library Association Award for the new Whitehall Library. He said this award is given annually to the best new library and Whitehall was one of eight libraries worldwide nominated. He displayed a PowerPoint presentation that included photos of the Whitehall Library along with photos of different libraries that are similar to the architecture of the Whitehall Branch. He presented Mayor Maggard with a framed photo of the Whitehall Library. Mayor Maggard said that this will be displayed in the City of Whitehall Administrative Building. She said she was thrilled about the award and this new library helps display what is going on in Whitehall today. It is inviting, open and welcoming. Mr. Losinski concluded by congratulating the city and thanking them for all the support they have given the library.

President Graham thanked Mr. Losinski for sharing this with the city. He said he thinks it will be great that everyone that comes in to the administration building can see what the Library looks like and the prestigious award it received.

POLL PUBLIC

Paul Werther, 4483 San Jose Lane. He stated that he thinks it is a bad idea to remove the traffic signal at Etna Road and Beaver Avenue. He said he has heard that it was to save money, but he thinks they should upgrade them instead. He said he also heard that they want to move them down to Bernhard Road, which he thinks will be even more confusing because Bernhard Road jogs. He stated the light is only on a certain time of the day and Etna Road has enough stop signs on it. He concluded by saying that he thinks the traffic light is in a perfect place and for the city to spend the money and improve the light for safety. He commented that the Splash Pad is beautiful.

Kasey Burt, 401 Loveman Ave., Worthington, Ohio. She is a music teacher and a Safety Patrol Advisor at Beechwood School. She is urging council not to take out the traffic light at Beechwood Road. She said they have spent the last year educating their students to use the cross walk at Beechwood Road at the traffic light. She said that they see a lot of motorists go through the stop signs that are currently there and have even sometimes gone through the traffic light. She is concerned that if there is a stop sign instead of a traffic light the motorists will do a rolling stop and not be courteous of the students crossing at dismissal time. She reiterated that a traffic light makes traffic stop. She stated that she read in the paper that the reason for this change is it is inconvenient for people to stop at that light during school hours. She said for the safety of the kids people should be inconvenienced in a school zone. She concluded by asking council to keep the light in that location.

Antonia Traylor, 5456 Bradbury Lane, Columbus, Ohio. She is one of the Safety Patrol Advisors at Beechwood and she is encouraging council to not remove the light at Beechwood Road. She said it serves a good purpose for the students and she has also been educating the students to use that cross walk because of the light. She said she has tape recorded people running the light and she has almost been hit herself. She said she thinks if you take the traffic light away that would give the motorists permission not to stop or do a rolling stop and not pay attention to the students crossing the street. She concluded by saying for the safety of the children she is strongly against taking the light out at Beechwood Road.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. He thanked Mr. Rodriguez for chairing his committee last week. 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 – President Graham 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.

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

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard –reported that the fireworks on July 3rd had absolutely no incidents and it was a great show. She commented that it was a family friendly environment and everyone who attended had a great time. She said the Splash Pad was open this evening and it was nice to see all the little children playing. She explained that there were many challenges with this project, but they overcame them. She said there was a vision and they stuck to it by being flexible. She stated there have been some great things over the last few days in Whitehall and she thinks it will be a great rest of the year.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – was not present.

City Auditor Dan Miller – had no official report. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance Nos. 045-2017, 058-2017, 060-2017, 061-2017, 064-2017 and Resolution No. 036-2017.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff –had no official report. He said that the progress on Etna Rd. is still continuing. He commended the Mayor and Director Sorrell on a great job with the Splash Pad. He said they had to deal with a lot of road blocks and hurdles along the way.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – had no official report. He said he really enjoyed the fireworks and they were the best he has ever seen.

Council President Graham - advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: Treasurer's Investment Report for May 2017; Treasurer's Activity Report for May 2017; and Treasurer's Fund Reconciliation Report for May 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

- 1. Minutes from the May 25, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 2. Agenda for the June 22, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation 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. 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."

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 045-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 045-2017 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 049-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS ALONG HAMILTON ROAD IN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO ORC 5709.40(B); PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS AND SPECIFYING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS MAY BE EXPENDED; AND AUTHORIZING SCHOOL COMPENSATION PAYMENTS."

ORDINANCE NO. 050-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"AMENDING SECTION 135.21 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED "WATER AND SEWER MANDATE IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

ORDINANCE NO. 052-2017 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)(1) TO ALLOW CHECKERS DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS, INC. TO OPERATE A DRIVE-IN WINDOW AND DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 837 S. HAMILTON RD., PROPERTY OWNED BY QPH PROPERTIES LTD."

ORDINANCE NO. 056-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE II, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" BY ADDING A STOP SIGN ON ETNA ROAD AND BEECHWOOD ROAD."

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 056-2017 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion.

Mr. Bailey said there were a lot of discussion on Ordinance Nos. 056-2017, 057-2016, 062-2017, and 063-2017 last week and they heard a lot of opinions. He said we all try to do research on legislation when there is an issue like this. He said one of the first questions last week was if there was a Traffic Study done. He said he doesn't think there was one done and he believes the code reads there should be. He stated that to formulate an educated proper opinion he thinks a Traffic Study should be done along with further discussion.

Ms. Kantor said he agrees with Mr. Bailey and said that he asked council last week if Ordinance Nos. 056-2017 and 057-2017 could be read in three readings instead of two so we can discuss it further.

Mr. Morrison said this was requested from the Mr. Handler, Mr. Hausman and some members of the School Board. He doesn't know how much of the administration they included in on this. He has heard a lot of comments on safety but it seems to him that the majority of the concern is convenience and convenience should not override the fact of safety. He said last week during a discussion there was a percentage that was brought up on how many violations there were with red lights verses stop lights. There are far more stop signs then stop lights in the city so that study would not apply to this situation. He said he is not sure what a Traffic Study would reveal however with a stop sign it would be 24/7. He concluded by stating that people would just have to adjust from stop lights to stop signs throughout the year.

Mr. Rodriguez said that at this point he is still weighing everything out. He said he does feel they should discuss it further especially since one of the council members is not present to give his thoughts. He is recommended that that they have more discussion on this issue with everyone from council present.

Mr. Kantor agrees with Mr. Rodriguez.

Ms. Conison said she would hope that the School Board and the School Administration would talk to some of the teachers and the parents. She said we all need to remember it is not about the cost or the convenience; it is about our children's safety. She agrees with postponing the vote for further conversation.

Mr. Bailey said he agrees with Ms. Conison and that is why he asking who can inform everyone on the best way for our children's safety.

President Graham said we have a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 056-2017. On a roll call vote and resulted, as follows: Kantor, no; Stahley, no; Morrison, yes; Bailey, no; Rodriguez, no; Conison, no; and the rules were not suspended.

ORDINANCE NO. 057-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE I, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS" BY REMOVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT BEECHWOOD ROAD AND ETNA ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND AT BRIARWOOD DRIVE."

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 057-2017.

President Graham said if council feels the same way on all the Ordinances that involve the traffic control signals, then Mr. Stahley should withdraw his motion and he will read all of them by title only. Mr. Stahley said perfect and withdrew his motion.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO.058-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"MAKING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE UTILITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-950-53800) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 058-2017 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 058-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 058-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO.059-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

-Refer to the Planning Commission for their July 6th meeting AND set a public hearing for August 1st.)

"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)(22) TO ALLOW JAY GLASER, DBA JAYS METAL CRAFTING TO OPERATE A WELDING REPAIR AND CREATIVE METAL/IRON WORK BUSINESS, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4025 EAST MAIN STREET UNIT C (PARCEL NUMBER 090-001972-00), OWNED BY JOYCE SHEETS."

ORDINANCE NO.060-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 047-2017; 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 (101-700-59000); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 060-2017 and Mr. Morrison 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. Kantor then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 060-2017 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 060-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO.061-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE STATE SALES TAX FUND (856), APPROPRIATING THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$300.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE STATE SALES TAX FUND (856) TO THE STATE SALES TAX EXPENSE ACCOUNT (856.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 061-2017 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. Kantor then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 061-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and <u>ORDINANCE NO. 061-2017 was adopted</u>.

ORDINANCE NO. 062-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE I, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS" BY REPEALING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT ETNA ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL."

ORDINANCE NO. 063-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE II, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" BY ADDING A STOP SIGN ON ETNA ROAD.

ORDINANCE NO. 064-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINETY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$90,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SETASIDE FORFEITURE ACCOUNT (241-000-51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 064-2017 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 064-2017 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 064-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO.036 -2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"RESOLVING TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 036-2017 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 036-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and <u>ORDINANCE NO. 036-2017 was adopted</u>.

RESOLUTION NO.037 -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."

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 037-2017 and Mr. Morrison 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. Kantor then moved to adopt Resolution No. 037-2017 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. 037-2017 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Mayor Maggard announced the Food Truck Festival is July 29 and National Night Out is August 1.

Mr. Bailey advised that the Whitehall Education Foundation Golf Outing is going to be on July 2^{nd} at the Jefferson Country Club. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start is 12:30 p.m.

Janice Ritchey reported that the WCPAAA is having a fundraiser at City Barbeque on July 18, present coupons and get 25% off.

Events are listed on the City's Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for coming. He said he knows it is tough to publicly speak at a council meeting, but it is better than hearsay and council does discuss your concerns. He thanked Mayor Maggard, Director Sorrell and Director Woodruff on the new Splash Pad. He said they worked really hard on getting this up and running and it took a lot of time and tonight they got to see the results with all the children playing in it.

Mr. Stahley thanked Mayor Maggard and her Administration for a safe family friendly Fourth of July weekend. He said he heard people from all over central Ohio saying that Whitehall had the best firework display. He explained that tonight he had every attention on voting yes on the ordinances that involve the traffic signal light. However, after a woman that he admires stood up and gave her concerns he was reminded that he is not voting on his opinion he is voting for his constituents. He needs to vote for what they believe and that is why he voted no.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming and appreciates everyone's input. He said he wishes the debates on the stop sign issue would have been done much earlier. He said they need to get the professionals involved in this and try to determine if it is a convenience or safety issue. Mr. Hausman from the school presented this to Director Woodruff months ago. He also presented this to the school board and until last week nothing was said negative or positive either way. He urged everyone to always give their opinion and concerns because it helps them make educated decisions. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Bailey said the vote tonight on the traffic light signals was simply to discuss it further. He stated that it was a great weekend and he commended the Mayor and all the departments on what a great job. He said he got to watch the activity from his house and the preparation and the execution was phenomenal. He said to Mayor Maggard that she made a believer out of him and that it can happen and it will only grow. He said when they were marching in the parade people were yelling what a good job they are doing. They were excited about the work this administration has done and the change that is happening all over the community. They are not only seeing it they are feeling it and sharing it. That was the most exciting parade he has ever been in. He thanked the Mayor for her efforts. He commented that the July 4th celebration has changed in the right direction. It has grown in to something that is a success and thanked Mayor Maggard for taking that step.

Mr. Rodriguez said we have to make Whitehall like it used to be, this weekend was a step towards that and with new traditions. It was a great to see families having blankets out to watch the fireworks and young kids participating in the activities and everyone feeling safe. He stated he is excited about the new beginnings. He commented that he thought there more people at the parade this year than previous years. He said the fireworks were phenomenal and the new Splash Pad is just another example of things going in the right direction. He congratulated Shirley Freeman on her retirement from the Whitehall Library and said Ms. Cox will have some big shoes to fill.

Ms. Conison thanked the Administration, Police, Fire, WCPAAA and everyone on council for all their support. She commented it was a wonderful parade and she heard many nice things. She stated it made her feel wonderful and we need to continue moving forward.

President Graham thanked everyone for the 4th of July celebration. He said everyone put forth a lot of effort on allowing Whitehall to have a successful celebration. He reiterated how much they appreciate people sharing their opinion with council instead of hearing it on the street. He said everyone has an opinion and if you bring it to council at least they can hear it firsthand instead of going through many different people. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said he hopes to see everyone back at the next meeting.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED:	_, 2017.	Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council
Jim Graham, President of Council		

Respectfully submitted,