

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2018

President Graham called the July 10, 2018 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Morrison.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2018.

President Graham

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – JULY 10, 2018

President Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

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:

Robert Bailey
Chris Rodriguez
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison
Wes Kantor
JoAnna Heck

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2018 and July 26, 2018 agenda and regular meetings. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members responded in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

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No comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Elmore welcomed President Graham back and reported they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file and they will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Rodriguez welcomed President Graham back and 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 – President Graham reported that Chairperson Morrison was unable to attend the meeting this evening. He 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 two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Conison reported that they met last two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor welcomed President Graham back and reported that they met two weeks ago and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – was not present.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – he thanked everyone for coming this evening. His official report for the month of June consisted of 296 cases in Mayor's Court; only 31 of them were committed by Whitehall residents. The total for Whitehall Mayors Court and Franklin County Municipal Court were 378, 48 were Whitehall residents. He said in the future he will include both courts in his report.

City Auditor Dan Miller – he asked for favorable consideration on Resolution Nos. 023-2018 and 026-2018.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – was not present.

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – was not present.

President Graham – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Treasurer's Investment Report for May 2018; The Treasurer's Activity Report for May 2018; and The Treasurer's Fund Reconciliation Report for May 2018 and The Mayors Report to Council for May 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for the July 12, 2018 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. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 050-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTION 24(C) OF THE CHARTER, TO PROVIDE A PLAN OF SUCCESSION TO THE MAYOR AND ACTING MAYOR IN THE EVENT THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SHALL DECLINE TO SUCCEED TO THE OFFICE AND LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR REMAINS TO BE SERVED ON THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE FORMER MAYOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Kantor then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 050-2018 and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 050-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 052-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTIONS 3(e), 23(b), 26(b), 41(b), AND 45(b) OF THE CHARTER, TO EXTEND THE TERM LIMITS FROM TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS TO NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS (OR) CHANGE TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS TO NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS FOR THE ELECTED OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY AUDITOR AND CITY TREASURER AND DELARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Ms. Elmore then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 052-2018 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 052-2018 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 053-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO PROPOSING TO AMEND ALL REFERENCES OF WHATEVER NATURE TO INDIVIDUALS BE GENDER NEUTRAL (OR) PROPOSING TO AMEND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE THROUGHOUT THE CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Ms. Elmore then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 053-2018 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 053-2018 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2018 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, 2019 AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Resolution No. 023-2018 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 023-2018 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 057-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FROM THE TRANSFER EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-950-59999) TO THE STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (201) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 058-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE INCOME TAX REFUNDS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.350.57000).”

ORDINANCE NO. 060-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

Refer to Planning Commission 7/12/18 & Public Hearing on 7/24/18

“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 1123.03(c)(1) TO ALLOW GRACE EDUCATIONAL & TUTORING CENTER TO OPERATE A SCHOOL AND TUTORING CENTER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 BERNHARD ROAD PARCEL #090-000348), OWNED BY EBENEZER ETHIOPIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH-LCMS.”

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 062-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE PARK STREAM RESTORATION ACCOUNT (308.000.52000) AND APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$156,500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE OPWC PROJECTS FUND (308) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 063-2018 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF SECTION 1128.04 AND THE REPEAL OF SECTIONS 1128.05 AND 1128.06.”

RESOLUTION NO. 026-2018 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. 026-2018 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION 026-2018 was suspended

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Resolution No. 026-2018 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 026-2018 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Ms. King said tomorrow there is a Park Party at 5:00 p.m. at Lamby Lane. Sunday there is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at Norton Field Park followed by Music in the Park at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kantor said there is a Street Ball Tournament at John Bishop Park this Sunday. Ages are 8 to 11, 12 to 15, 16 to 19, and 20-25. Ages 8 to 15 are free and check-in is at 11:30 a.m., 16 to 19 is \$15.00 per team and check-in is at 1:30 p.m. and 20-25 is \$30.00 per team and check-in is at 5:30 p.m. If need more information, call the Parks office at 614-863-0121.

Ms. Elmore said the Whitehall Division of Fire is having a The Opioid Crisis and “WHO Can Help” on July 18, 2018 at the Kae Avenue Elementary at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Conison said Whitehall Yearling High School is having a Jazz band on July 14, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Food Truck Festival is July 28.

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Mr. Bailey commended the City Services and the Safety forces for the work they did for the fireworks. It was family oriented and it proves that the decision that was made to have it at the High School was a good one. He thanked WCAA for the parade. He welcomed President Graham Back.

Mr. Rodriguez said last week festivities were great. He read in the paper that Pickerington had some issues that night. He said he knows that Pickerington had contacted Whitehall’s Police Department and asked them what their recommendations are regarding fireworks. They decided not to take them and they had some problems.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone for coming out today. She thanked Attorney Bivens for the statistics he gives council. She commented on how unfortunate it is that Whitehall Community Park was vandalized. She asked for help from everyone to keep Whitehall beautiful.

Ms. Conison welcomed President Graham back and thanked everyone for coming. She said they have had some fun events in Whitehall and have some more coming up. She asked everyone to come and join in the events.

Mr. Kantor welcomed President Graham back and thanked Mr. Werther and Mr. Dixon for coming. He stated how terrible it was that someone vandalized Whitehall Community Park, but they will get it all fixed and keep striving to make Whitehall beautiful. He thanked Attorney Bivens for the statistics.

Ms. Heck welcomed President Graham back and thanked everyone for coming and watching at home. She stated that she knows how much work goes in to the fireworks and thanked everyone for making it great. She also thanked WCAA for the parade.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming tonight. He said he is glad to be back.

Auditor Miller said how beautiful Whitehall Community Park is and urged everyone to go and drive down the new road on the hill.

President Graham said he is glad to see that Whitehall Community Park is finally becoming a park. He is excited to see lots of trees and flowers along with all the recreational opportunities.

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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2018.

President Graham