

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Jim Graham, Council President called the September 5, 2017, agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

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 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Council President Pro Tempore Bailey called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

At President Pro Tempore Bailey'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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2017 agenda and regular meetings. Mr. Mr. Gregg 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Zach Woodruff, Director of Development introduced the City's engineer, Ryan Andrews with EMHT. Mr. Andrews explained that the city is applying for an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and one of the questions on the OPWC application is if the city involved the public; therefore he asking for signatures on a sign-up sheet that is being passed around. This will accompany the application to show proof that a public hearing was held. He also stated that he has forms that can be filled out if someone has comments or concerns regarding this project. Director Woodruff stated that he knows that many streets in Whitehall need work, but part of being awarded an OPWC grant is knowing which project scores high enough for them to help fund. Director Woodruff said the North Yearling Road project will be between Broad Street and corporation limit at the railroad track. It will include new curb and gutter, repaving, new street scape light similar to Hamilton Road, new street trees, sidewalk on east side and a new entrance to welcome people to Whitehall from Fifth Avenue. He said DSCC confirmed that the majority of their employees and visitors enter at the Poth Road entrance. He stated that the project will cost roughly \$2.8 million, the OPWC grant would cover 75% and the other 25% would be an interest free loan for a period of 17 to 20 years. Mr. Andrews said the application is due September 11 and we will find out if we receive it by mid-December. Director Woodruff said if we are awarded the grant, we will start engineering in July 2018 and the construction will start in spring of 2019.

Attorney Bivens introduced and thanked Franklin County Administrator Ken Wilson and Franklin County Children Services Director Joy Bivens for being at the meeting. He introduced Judge Elizabeth Gill who is a judge at the Franklin County Municipal Juvenile Court. Judge Gill explained that she was there tonight to share with everyone what the Franklin County Court is working on and asking for help from the community with the expansion of services for the Whitehall area.

The court has been working on detailed tracking on troubled youth in Franklin County and if the punishment is working to rehabilitate them. She shared statistics that address detention centers, mental illness, youth of color and many other concerns. With this information they have made some changes with diversion programs and added some specialized programs to assess the youth and family to address the issues. She said that the Whitehall has consistently been one of the highest cities for troubled youth. To address the high numbers they have added two programs in the city. She said Whitehall was selected for these programs not only because of the high numbers, but because of the initiative from the leaders and the community to help youth of Whitehall. Community support is the key to reducing the numbers.

The first program they are adding is a full time truancy intervention specialist for Whitehall Schools. The goal is to address truancy prior to necessity of filing with the court. This position will also aide Whitehall in the new truancy laws. She thanked Whitehall school board members and Ms. Bivens for recognizing the problems and for allowing these programs to come in to the city.

The second program they are adding is an expansion of a current program called the Juvenile Restore to Justice Circle. This program addresses first time nonviolent offenders, mostly charged with misdemeanors who reside in Whitehall. The mission is to prevent further juvenile delinquent behavior by implementing the principles and practicing of the Restore to Justice Program. She presented a Power Point presentation which explained the program in detail.

Judge Gill concluded by thanking Attorney Bivens for allowing her to come to the meeting and sharing the new programs the Franklin County Juvenile Court are working on. She also thanked Franklin County Administrator Ken Wilson and the Franklin County Commissioners for allowing them to share the data they collected and listening to their ideas. She stated they have been extremely supportive. She introduced her Deputy Director Julie Prouch and said they are happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Kim Maggard explained that she and Director Sorrell were there to share the updated master plan for Whitehall Community Park. She said since the last master plan in 2014 Whitehall has been through many changes. Heartland Bank purchased approximately 6 acres of Whitehall Community Park for their new headquarters and the city decided not to renew the Golf Dome lease and that recaptured over 25 acres of land for public park use. She said when modernizing their master plan they wanted to work with the Parks and Rec. Commission and local state boards to transform the park and focus on its nature assets. They wanted an accessible meadowland, a canoe and kayak launch at Big Walnut Creek and abundant walking trails. To jump start the reimaging, they plan on spending 1.4 million in the next 12 months. She turned it over to Director Sorrell to give further detail and the vision for the upcoming plan. Ms. Sorrell gave a PowerPoint presentation that explained the plan in detail. She concluded by asking if there were any questions.

President Graham said that the city has a very unique feature with Community Park and he is so glad that they are going to make it like other metro parks with wildlife and outdoor activities. He said this park has never had the opportunity to reach its full potential and he hopes he is around to see a place for the community to enjoy. He reiterated how happy he is to see this plan happen.

Director Sorrell thanked the Parks and Rec. Commission members who were at the meeting. She thanked President Graham for his comments and support. She said they all appreciate the support.

Auditor Miller asked if the Golf Course was going to be expanded to 18 holes.

Director Sorrell said there is some overlap when discussing the golf course and nature trails and they're evaluating that. They are in the process of developing a kid's golf league and the volunteers are commenting that they would like to see the golf course stay at 9 holes because it keeps the traffic down and allows local families to use it without the competition. People really love being able to keep it locally. She thanked everyone for their time.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey 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 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.

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 – she thanked Judge Gill for the great presentation and said she is looking forward to getting the city more involved in the programs. She said she supports North Yearling Road project for the OPWC grant. She explained that area has some issues and the city has some acreage on the Poth Road side that could be used for businesses to bring in more money for the residents. It all goes hand in hand and if we can get a 75% paid grant we need to go for it. She thanked Director Sorrell on her presentation. She said we have a rare jewel in Community Park and she feels it is important to keep it clean and protected for our children and families. She thanked everyone for coming.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – reported there were 230 cases in Mayor’s Court for the month of August; 23 of them were of a criminal nature and were committed by Whitehall residents. He said that is 10% committed by Whitehall residents and he is delighted to report that it has gone down from last year. He is looking forward to the month of October as being Domestic Violence month and they will be putting some things together for that. He said the Rams will be playing this Friday and he asked everyone to come out and cheer them on. He thanked Judge Gill, Ken Wilson and Joy Bivens for coming this evening. He introduced the principal for Rosemore Middle School, Rochelle Rankin, and thanked her for coming.

City Auditor Dan Miller – had no official report. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance Nos. 065-2017 and 072-2017. He hopes that the OPWC scores well for the Yearling Road project.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – had no official report. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance No. 076-2017 and Resolution 046-2017. He said in the first 8 months in 2016 there were 25 new businesses, in the first 8 months of 2017 there were 54 businesses that are opening or in the process of opening in Whitehall. What we are doing as a community with parks, infrastructure, city attorney, police, fire and city council is making an impact on people’s perception on doing business in Whitehall and improving the local economy. He thanked everyone for continuing the efforts on helping with the development of Whitehall.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – had no official report. He said that the transition from Key Bank to Heartland Bank is almost done.

Mayor Maggard said she had the opportunity of swearing in Bryan Smith as our new Sergeant. If you see him, please congratulate him. She stated that not only are we getting new businesses in Whitehall, but the houses are selling like crazy so the perception is changing.

President Graham - advised that the following Officials’ Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Division of Fire Overtime Report for June and July 2017; The Mayors Report to Council for July 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Division of Liquor Control that a hearing has been scheduled for September 11, 2017, on the application for a Renewal C-1-2 Permit for Hamilton & Main Sunoco, 4600 East Broad St.
2. Minutes for the August 3, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission.
3. Minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. Agenda for the September 9, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 067-2017

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)(21) TO ALLOW COLUMBUS SUPPLY TO OPERATE A WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4409 E. MAIN ST., PROPERTY OWNED BY JJR ENTERPRISES LLC.

President Graham opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 067-2017 at 7:43 p.m. and invited the applicant to come forward and present his case.

John Randt, 41 S. Grant, Columbus, Ohio 43215. He said he represents JJR holding company, Mr. Edelman the primary officer of the company is in Germany and he could not attend. He said Mr. Edelman was present with him at the planning commission where they discussed the pros and cons on what is taking place at this property. He explained that Mr. Edelman purchased this property as an investment and has not had any success renting this property out in the last two years. Mr. Edelman owns many warehouses, but none were vacant. Therefore, he had a vacant property on Main Street and decided to use it as temporary storage. This is not his intended use of this property because he doesn't make much money storing his own property. He moved in not knowing this was a violation of the zoning code. He received a notice for this and decided to apply for a special permit.

Ms. Kantor asked if he sells merchandise out of that office.

Mr. Randt said no because he has an office at 3923 E. Main Street and he sells out of that office.

Mr. Bailey asked what the Planning Commission findings were.

Mr. Randt said they determined that it didn't meet the current overlay. The intent of the overlay is to increase retail uses where appropriate and that they no longer encourage warehouse and storage in the commercial district. He said they have no intention of using it for warehouse or storage, but the opportunity of buying a product and no place to store it lead to putting it in there.

Director Woodruff said he would like to remind council that a special permit is not a temporary change for a temporary fix. If council would grant this special permit it would be a permanent change to the city zoning code for this property. Therefore, there would be no reason to move the items out of storage and there would be no reason not to use it for storage in the future.

Mr. Rodriguez said we have worked so hard for so long on these overlays and he thinks we would be going in the wrong direction if we allow this to happen. He said that property could be used for something with more value and we don't want to land lock into a warehouse use.

Joe Ryan, Economic Development Specialist, 360 S. Yearling Road. He shared the 1998 Main Street Redevelopment Plan. He said in the plan it states we should discourage auto oriented and warehouse use along the Main Street corridor and it is signed by over 2000 Main Street businesses, many of these businesses are still active to this day. He clarified this is not in the long term plan for this corridor. He said with the overlay and the redevelopment plan he feels that allowing a warehouse at this property would be going the opposite direction and not be furthering the goals.

President Graham asked if there were any commercial facilities currently on Main Street that are strictly a warehouse type.

Mr. Ryan said that he doesn't believe so. He said Mr. Edelman's other building does have storage, but also has a retail office in the front.

Director Woodruff said that he doesn't believe there are any commercial buildings being used for warehouse because that is not their designed intent.

After confirming there were no additional proponents and no opponents, President Graham closed the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

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. All members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 065-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

"APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) FROM THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND 505 TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT 505.000.51000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 065-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 065-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 065-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 067-2017 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)(21) TO ALLOW COLUMBUS SUPPLY TO OPERATE A WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4409 E. MAIN ST., PROPERTY OWNED BY JJR ENTERPRISES LLC."

Mr. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 067-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote and resulted, as follows: Rodriguez, no; Gregg, no; Conison, no; Kantor, no; Stahley, no; Morrison, no; Bailey, no; and ORDINANCE NO. 067-2017 was not adopted.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 070-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND 03/100 DOLLARS (\$58,760.03) 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 FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND 03/100 DOLLARS (\$58,760.03) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 072-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS FROM VARIOUS WMPITIE FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FIFTY-ONE AND 48/100 DOLLARS (\$5,051.48) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 072-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 072-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 072-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 073-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM THE MAYOR’S COURT COMPUTERIZATION FUND (290) TO THE MAYOR’S COURT COMPUTERIZATION EXPENSE ACCOUNT 290.000.52000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 073-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 073-2017 and Ms. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 073-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 074-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) FROM THE TECHNOLOGY FUND (314) TO THE TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE ACCOUNT 314.000.50000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 074-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 074-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 074-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 075-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT 241.000.50000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 075-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 075-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 075-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PAYROLL INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH DREW SHOE CORPORATION TO OPEN A CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 076-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Morrison then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 076-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 076-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 046-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE FUNDING OF THE YEARLING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 046-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 046-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 046-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 047-2017

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

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 047-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 047-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 047-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 048-2017

“APPROVING AND SUPPORTING SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 263 OF THE 132ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017-2018 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BACON, “HONORING THE DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER COLUMBUS ON EARNING THE 2017 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF’S ANNUAL AWARD FOR INSTALLATION EXCELLENCE” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 048-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Ms. Conison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 048-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 048-2017 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Ms. Conison said Whitehall has a game this Friday and there is a Shred It Day at City Hall this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon for the community.

Mr. Ryan said the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce is having their Inaugural Awards Luncheon tomorrow 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus Country Club.

Mr. Stahley said that September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitehall Police Department they will be honoring community first responders, veterans and military. There will be a special speaker, Jason Thomas who was one of the first responders on September 11.

Events are listed on the City’s Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Rodriguez said it was a great meeting tonight with great presentations regarding the Parks, Yearling Road and the Restore Justice Program. He thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Gregg thanked everyone for coming tonight. He said to Judge Gill that the programs she shared will be great for the schools especially the truancy program. He said to Director Sorrell that the master plan she shared is going to help the city and he thinks it will be great to enjoy a nice park in the city instead of going somewhere else. He said he hopes everyone has a good evening.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for coming tonight. She acknowledged the Parks and Rec. Commission members that came to the meeting tonight and said she was glad that Director Sorrell had such a great team behind her. She also acknowledged the school board members and the principal from Rosemore that were there tonight. She said we are very lucky that the city organizations all work well as a team. She thanked everyone for being at the meeting tonight.

Mr. Kantor said he would like to piggy back what everyone else said. He said he thinks the Parks and Rec. Department are doing a great job especially if you look back on where they started. He thanked Attorney Bivens for the information from Mayor's Court for last month.

Mr. Stahley thanked the special guests that were at the meeting. He said he is looking forward to all the things, but especially the bike path. He said he is advocating in our community to keep the DACA program alive in congress. He said he is proposing a letter to our congressional representative to keep this program alive for our citizens that work retail, fast food, office, etc. in our community.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming and said it is always nice to look out and see a crowd. He said they had three great special presentations and that shows how this city is moving forward. It is tremendous for this city and he is very proud of the progress.

Mr. Bailey said it is an honor to serve as a legislator in the community and tonight's presentations show exactly why. He said all of our commissions are fully functioning. The master park plan piggy backs off what other departments are doing. He said the Development Department is doing a fantastic job and without their efforts a lot of these things wouldn't be happening especially in the parks. He said he values Mr. and Ms. Bivens as people and thanked them for moving into Whitehall. He said to Ms. Bivens that she is doing in the judicial system what he does in his professional life which is group cause analysis. To find out the symptoms and to figure out why. To understand what is bringing these juveniles in the system and to treat the cause of the problem and to partner with the school district. He said we are developing good community just like when we were kids and he appreciates everyone that is a part of it. He complimented the Mayor on what she has brought forth to keep the community safe.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming out this evening. He said he was happy that everyone in the city got to see the special presentations so nothing is a secret. He said the new parks master plan will add to the business community and to the residents. He said one business already has come for the setting. He reiterated that this city has something special and it will be a big attraction to the community. He said some of the people in this room have been waiting a long time for the park to be used to its full potential. He said he can't wait for it and he feels this will be a big boom for the city. He hopes to see everyone back at the next meeting.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all the members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, Council President