

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Jim Graham, Council President called the September 19, 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.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Council President Pro Tempore Bailey called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 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:

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member and Mr. Morrison 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.

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. He wished Mr. Rodriguez a Happy Birthday.

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 will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m. He also wished Mr. Rodriguez a Happy Birthday.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – was not present.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – reported that the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and they plan on giving two presentations at City Council meetings. The first presentation will feature the City Attorneys Victim Advocate. He said they have changed her title to become an Empowerment Advocate. Her goals are to empower victims of violence and to assist them through the process. This will give council and members of the public time to ask questions about her job and what she has done. He said for the next presentation he is working on getting a judge to come to discuss Human Trafficking along with Domestic Violence.

He said his office went to Whitehall Yearling High School yesterday to speak to the Legal Rams. They will be entering the Ohio Mock Trial Competition this year for the second time. They have four returning students that now have experience so they are hoping they will be more competitive and get to the next round. Lastly, he reminded everyone that the Rams will be playing this Friday and he hopes to see everyone there cheer them on.

City Auditor Dan Miller – was not present.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – 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 Division of Fire Overtime Report for August 2017; The Auditor's Expense Report for August 2017; The Auditor's Bank Report for August 2017; The Auditor's Statement of Cash Position Report for August 2017; The Auditor's Revenue Report for August 2017.

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. 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.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 070-2017 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. 070-2017 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 070-2017 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

THERE IS NO LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT MISC EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101.450.52500 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 077-2017 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 077-2017 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. 077-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 078-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AMENDING SECTION 135.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED “FLEET RESERVE AND MAINTENANCE FUND” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 078-2017 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. 078-2017 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. 078-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2017 (was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER OF FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE AND 35/100 DOLLARS (\$57,105.35) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE FLEET RESERVE AND MAINTENANCE FUND (313) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 079-2017 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. 079-2017 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. 079-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 080-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 072-2017; 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. 080-2017 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. Bailey then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 080-2017 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. 080-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 081-2017 (TITLE ONLY)

Refer to Planning Commission on 10/12/17 & Public Hearing on 10/17/17

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 HEARTLAND BANK TO OPERATE A DRIVE-IN WINDOW AND DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 430 N. HAMILTON RD., PROPERTY OWNED BY HEARTLAND BANK.

ORDINANCE NO. 082-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO IN COOPERATION WITH THE COLUMBUS REGIONAL ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 082-2017 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. Rodriguez then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 082-2017 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. 082-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 083-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE

CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO IN COOPERATION WITH THE COLUMBUS REGIONAL ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 083-2017 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. Kantor then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 083-2017 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. 083-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 084-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, THE COLUMBUS REGIONAL ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, EAST BROAD STREET PARTNERS, LLC, AND THE COLUMBUS-FRANKLIN COUNTY FINANCE AUTHORITY, A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, THE COUNTY TREASURER OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, THE COLUMBUS REGIONAL ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND EAST BROAD STREET PARTNERS, LLC, AND RELATED AGREEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCING OF SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS (4500 EAST BROAD STREET PROJECT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 084-2017 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 Ordinance No. 084-2017 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. 084-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 085-2017 (TITLE ONLY)

Refer to Planning Commission on 10/12/17

“AMENDING SECTION 1124.10 TITLED WHITEHALL COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT A IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TO CLARIFY WALL SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS.”

ORDINANCE NO. 086-2017 (TITLE ONLY)

Refer to Planning Commission on 10/12/17 & Public Hearing on 10/17/17

“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 ST, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008249, FROM GENERAL COMMERCE DISTRICT (GCD) TO EXCEPTIONAL USE DISTRICT (EU), PROPERTY OWNED BY OFFICE CITY INC.”

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2017 (TITLE ONLY)

Refer to Planning Commission on 10/12/17 & Public Hearing on 10/17/17

“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 NORTH HAMILTON RD, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008405, FROM EXCEPTIONAL USE DISTRICT (EU) TO GENERAL COMMERCE DISTRICT (GCD), PROPERTY OWNED BY HEARTLAND BANK.”

ORDINANCE NO. 088-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE PARK RANGER GRANT FUND (272) AND APPROPRIATING ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE PARK RANGER GRANT FUND (272) TO THE PARK RANGER GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (272.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 088-2017 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. 088-2017 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. 088-2017 was adopted.

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

“ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 049-2017 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 Resolution No. 049-2017 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. 049-2017 was adopted.

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

“APPROVING THE PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 1710 (4500 EAST BROAD STREET PROJECT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 050-2017 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. 050-2017 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. 050-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL,

OHIO IN COOPERATION WITH THE COLUMBUS REGIONAL ENERGY SPECIAL
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (4500 EAST BROAD STREET PROJECT) AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Rodriguez introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 051-2017 and Mr. Kantor 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. 051-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 051-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 052-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A 2017 OHIO PARKS & RECREATION
ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 052-2017 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. 052-2017 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. 052-2017 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

President Graham asked Principal Paul Smathers of Whitehall Yearling High School and the student representatives to come forward and tell council why they are here. The representatives distributed flyers to council and the public. Breana McKinney and Angelic Latham introduced themselves as seniors at Whitehall Yearling High School who are the student representatives from their Government Economic Class. They are organizing a “Meet the Candidates Night” that was approved by their principal and teacher. This event will have candidates that are running for School Board and City Council come and answer questions from the community and share while they are running for election. It will be held in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. They explained the details and rules of the event.

Mr. Bailey asked what time this event will end.

They said they plan for it to end around 9:00 p.m. They explained that City Council Candidates will introduce themselves and answer questions, then there will be a brief intermission with refreshments and then School Board Candidates will do the same thing.

Mr. Bailey asked if the questioning will be geared toward local issues as opposed to national issues.

They said yes.

Ms. Consion asked if the questions were coming from students and teachers.

They said that the questions will be coming from students, teachers, members of the public, and church members.

President Graham said it sounds like they thought it out very well and it should be a large event.

Mr. Kantor asked who thought of the idea.

They said it was their government teacher and their principal because they wanted to get students more involved in government.

Mr. Morrison asked if the students were involved in the Mock Court.

Ms. McKinney said she is and this is her second year. Ms. Latham said she tried to but she has a lot of other things including model United Nations and volunteering at the library.

President Graham said there are five Whitehall Yearling High School graduates on council right now and that could be one of them some day.

Ms. Conison asked what they may want to do after graduation.

Ms. McKinney said she is going in to the Navy and Ms. Latham said she is interested in government and politics and mostly Foreign Service.

They introduced their teacher Mr. Paletta and Principal Smathers.

Principal Smathers said that Candidates Night is a 100% student driven and student focused and these two ladies are the spokeswomen for the rest of the students.

There were no further comments for poll public.

POLL COUNCIL

Ms. Conison said Happy Birthday to Mr. Rodriguez. She thanked Whitehall Yearling government class for coming out. She congratulated Mr. Paletta and Principal Smathers for doing such a great job with the students.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for coming. He said they had a Candidates Night years ago and it is a great idea. He congratulated and wished the students good luck. He said Otterbein was celebrating their 50th anniversary last weekend and he recognized a few people that graduated from Whitehall High School.

Mr. Stahley thanked the students for coming and said he thinks that it is awesome. He stated he was in the model United Nations when he was in high school. He invited everyone to join him this Friday at 3:30 at Beechwood Elementary for a roundtable with the PTA to discuss safety around the school as well as the stop lights and stop signs.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone coming. He said he appreciates the students coming and explaining how the Candidates Night will work. He is excited to be a part of it and he appreciates them hosting it.

Mr. Bailey thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He said to the students they did a tremendous job on presenting their event to council. He thinks it will be great and he can't wait to watch.

Mr. Rodriguez said it is good to see some new faces and the regulars. He said to the students they did a great job and he is looking forward to the event.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming out this evening. He said he hopes in the future we can do something else with the students and try to get many elected officials involved in it. He said in the past some elected officials went to the school government classes and had students ask them questions on why they got involved and what the responsibilities are. He thinks it is important to get the younger people involved in their community. He stated that no one on council does this to make a living; they do it because they thought they should be involved and someone has to step up and do it. He said he is glad that these fellow council members felt the need to participate in their community and to give back to their community. He said he thinks it is really good what the students are doing and he hopes they can work together in the future for other things.

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 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, Council President