

WHITEHALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MINUTES – February 13, 2024

Council President Potter called the February 13, 2024 Council Committees' meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

The following members of council and the administration were present:

Members of the Administration

Council President Thomas Potter
Mayor Michael T. Bivens
Director of Public Service Casey Thomas
City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus
City Auditor Steve Quincel

Council Members

Gerald Dixon
Amy Smith
Larry Morrison
Devin Brown
Amy Harcar

ADMINISTRATION/COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MATTERS:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Clerk of Council Julie Ogg and Mr. Merle Robinson gave a short presentation on the Proposal for Whitehall City Council's Information Pages & Posters. Mr. Robinson answered several questions from Council. President Potter asked Council to look over the proposal and give Ms. Ogg the top two or three things they believe should be accomplished first.

Councilperson Dixon gave kudos to the proposal.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councilperson Morrison opened at 7:19 p.m. and said addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 009-2024 DRAFT # 1

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$58,906.50) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE EVIDENCE SETASIDE FUND (245) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX AND 50/100 Dollars (\$58,906.50) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Steve Quincel explained that the Whitehall Division of Police seized monies because of a narcotics investigation and recorded the said monies in the Evidence Setaside Fund (245); said monies need to be transferred to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Account (241.000.50000) so that it may be used to purchase more crime fighting tools for the Police Department

(Adm. & Fin. Mgmt. – 1st reading- SUSP & ADOPT 02/20/2024-Elmore/Morrison)

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2024 DRAFT # 2

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$12,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE BUILDING LOT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.53300) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Mayor's Office has a full staff and some construction and rearranging was completed. There was a need for desks and places for the people that were hired. Following the efficiency study and moving people around, the money is needed to pay the invoices.

(Adm. & Fin. Mgmt. – 2nd reading- SUSP & ADOPT 03/05/2024-Elmore/Morrison)

Having nothing further, Councilperson Morrison closed at 7:25 p.m.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Harcar opened at 7:25 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Community and Elder Advocacy.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Harcar closed at 7:25 p.m.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Smith opened at 7:25 p.m. and addressed the legislation in her committee, as follows:

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 001-2024 *(Comm. Stand & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 03/05/2024-Smith/Heck)*

Tabled until 03/05/2024

Public Hearing March 5, 2024

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1104.01 OF THE 2023 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER SECTION 1104.03(H) TO PERMIT BUY & BUY AUTO SALE, LLC COMPANY TO OPERATE A VEHICLE AND LARGE EQUIPMENT REPAIR BUSINESS IN THE MAIN STREET DISTRICT.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2024 *(Comm. Stand & Enf. – 3rd reading – ADOPT 00/00/2024-Smith/)*

(Tabled on January 16, 2024 for further discussion.

AMENDING SECTION 1103.02(C) (BUILDING PLACEMENT), AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1104.01 OF THE 2023 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, AND CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON FAIRWAY BLVD., PARCEL NUMBERS 090-001774, 090-001812, 090-001819, 090-001775, 090-001776, 090-001010, 090-001777, 090-001735, 090-001778, 090-006752, 090-001780, 090-001781 and 090-001782, FROM STUR TO RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT.

Ms. Smith received and email last week that the Franklin County Board of Revisions from the Auditor's Office will have a representative at the Whitehall Library on February 26 from three to six p.m. If you would like to file a complaint about your new assessed market value is this would be the time to walk in and get the help you need to file your case.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Smith closed at 7:27 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Dixon opened at 7:28 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

There was no discussion in Economic Development.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Dixon closed at 7:28 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

Chairperson Brown opened at 7:28 p.m. and addressed the legislation in his committee, as follows:

THIRD READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2024 (*Inf., Maint & Srvs – 3rd reading – ADOPT 02/20/2024-Brown/Morrison*)

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Brown closed at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Morrison opened at 7:29 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Fire Chief Moore was scheduled to do a presentation tonight. He had to cancel and will reschedule the presentation later.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Morrison closed at 7:30 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Harcar opened at 7:30 p.m. and said there are no drafts or pending legislation on the agenda.

Soccer and the sport activities are still open if anyone would like to enroll their youth.

Having nothing further, Chairperson Harcar closed at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Bivens announce that tomorrow for Valentine's Day they will be having "Celebrating Enduring Love." They have some amazing people from the City of Whitehall that will be present tomorrow evening celebrating many years of marriage, some of which he will hold off on telling the time, but there is a great program that is planned with WCCA. Throughout the day, they will be going on Facebook Live and will be giving out teddy bears to anyone who wants to come to City Hall to get a teddy bear for their boo.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: February 20, 2024

Thomas M. Potter, Council President