



WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA & VOTING MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 by President Thomas M. Potter

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Amy Smith
Amy Harcar
Gerald Dixon
Devin Brown
Larry Morrison
Lori Elmore
Jo Anna Heck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 19, 2025 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2025 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025 Agenda & Special Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Michael T. Bivens – Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Michael T. Bivens – Al Quincel of Al's Barbershop Proclamation

Dr. Buhari Mohammed, CEO, & Terry Anderson, Marketing & PR Director – Heart of Ohio Family Health

Monica Cerrezuella – ADAMH Board of Franklin County

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Elmore

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Harcar

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Smith

Economic Development – Chairperson Dixon

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services – Chairperson Brown

Public Safety – Chairperson Morrison

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Heck

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Michael T. Bivens

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus

City Auditor Steve Quincel

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander

President Thomas M. Potter

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

POLL PUBLIC:

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

Roll call on whether each member of the Council was given a copy of each item of legislation listed on the agenda prior to the meeting and including any add-on legislation.

THIRD READING:

No Legislation for Third Reading.

SECOND READING:

No Legislation for Second Reading.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2025

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 AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AND CREATING ALL-WAYS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$27,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE 101.950.53600 FIRE HYDRANTS EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,302.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN

THE EVIDENCE SETASIDE FUND (245) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ON THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,302.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241.000.50000).

ORDINANCE NO. 105-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE 101.900.51017 WELLNESS EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-2025

AUTHORIZING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,250,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND (511) TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (511.000.50000).

ORDINANCE NO. 107-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND (505); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT 505.000.51000.

ORDINANCE NO. 108-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN AND 04/100 DOLLARS (\$18.04) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE STATE SALES TAX FUND (856).

ORDINANCE NO. 110-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND 110.

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025

RESOLVING TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES.

RESOLUTION NO. 040 -2025

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 041 -2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG).

ORDINANCE NO. 109-2025

APPROPRIATING SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 45/100 DOLLARS (\$62,665.45) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND FD ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50080.

RESOLUTION NO. 042-2025

APPROVING ACCRUED VACATION AND/OR COMPENSATORY TIME PAY OUT FOR AN

EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRING FROM FULL-TIME TO PART-TIME STATUS.

RESOLUTION NO. 043 -2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/ CONSERVATION PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM.

POLL PUBLIC:

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

POLL COUNCIL:

ADJOURN

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Pro Tem Morrison ordered the August 19, 2025, agenda meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of President Potter.

President Pro Tem Morrison reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the required motions this evening.

Auditor Quincel explained the legislation from his office at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 7, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2025

President Pro Tem Morrison called the regular meeting of the Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

At President Pro Tem Morrison's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of the council were present:

Lori Elmore
Larry Morrison
Jo Anna Heck
Amy Smith
Amy Harcar
Gerald Dixon
Devin Brown

Councilor Dixon moved to excuse the absent member, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members responded in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and President Potter was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Brown moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025, Agenda and Regular Meeting minutes, the July 22, 2025, Agenda and Committee Meeting, and the July 22, 2025, Special Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Heck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded affirmatively, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Councilor Elmore reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community and Elder Advocacy – Councilor Harcar reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Councilor Smith reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Councilor Dixon reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services – Councilor Brown reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Councilor Morrison reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Councilor Heck reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Michael T. Bivens welcomed everyone to the Whitehall City Council meeting. He congratulated Director Rowlands and Director Russell for their amazing effort, but sadly, the city did not receive the grant funding from the federal government. They will be applying next year for the funding, as the problem is only going to get worse. He will be hosting a meet and greet at Heart of Ohio at 5000 E. Main Street, on August 25 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, titled “Medicare Matters.” He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance 061-2025 and Resolution 035-2025.

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus recognized his intern, Taylor, for taking the bar exam. She is returning to volunteer in the Mayor’s Court and the City Attorney’s office.

City Auditor Steve Quincel had no official report. He requested favorable consideration for Ordinances 080-2025 through 085-2025.

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands gave an update on the seasonal labor apprenticeship program. She asked for favorable consideration of Resolution 035-2025.

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg was not present.

City Treasurer Shaquille Alexander had no official report but requested favorable consideration of Ordinance 083-2025. He reminded the Council, the Administration, and the public that if they had any questions on financial matters of the city or why decisions were made and what impacted those decisions, they are more than welcome to discuss these things with them. He thinks it is irresponsible to put stuff out there with a certain narrative that is not totally accurate. When those narratives take form and have a life of their own, that sometimes can become dangerous.

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell had no official report but requested favorable consideration on Resolution 035-2025.

President Pro Tem Morrison stated the following officials’ reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: the Treasurer’s Reports for July 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS:

There have been no Communications, Petitions, or Claims filed in the Council office since the last meeting.

POLL PUBLIC:

Lorena Lacey, Clerk of Whitehall’s Mayor’s Court, expressed her gratitude and her pride for the Council to approve the hiring of the Assistant Deputy Clerk of Court, Shellie Widdis. Mayor Bivens always encouraged cross training of other departments. Ms. Widdis heard that Ms. Ogg was going to need a back-up Clerk while she was away from the office attending a Study Abroad Symposium, and Ms. Widdis stepped up to the plate to cover for her. Ms. Widdis will be sworn in as acting Clerk of Council during the Clerks absence.

Joseph Soza, of Columbus, spoke in support of Ordinance 061-2025. He offered words of encouragement to each member of Council to enthusiastically vote yes on this ordinance.

Michael Young, Lead Pastor of the City of Grace Church, is both troubled and inspired. He is concerned that someone in this community, who has been an incredible blessing for those without a voice and who stands against violence, is facing unfounded and unwarranted attacks. Lori Elmore possesses a significant amount of education, experience, and expertise, and her career in advocacy speaks volumes. There is a movement within the community to recall the council seat of the first Black woman to ever serve on this council, which he finds audacious. He encourages the Council to support Ms. Elmore's service and sacrifice.

Ebony Faddes, of Columbus, knows Ms. Elmore from church and considers her a family friend. She recognizes Ms. Elmore's strong character and regards her as an amazing woman. Today, Ebony is here to support Ms. Elmore, who is the first Black woman to serve on the Whitehall City Council. Since taking office in 2017, Ms. Elmore has dedicated herself to serving the people of Whitehall with integrity, commitment, and vision.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Pro Tem Morrison requested a roll call on whether each member of the council received a copy of each item of legislation listed on the agenda before the meeting, including any add-on legislation. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 061-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 512 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL ESTABLISHING UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Harcar introduced and moved to accept as amended Ordinance No. 061-2025, and Councilor Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 061-2025 was accepted as amended.

Councilor Harcar moved to adopt Ordinance No. 061-2025, and Councilor Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 061-2025 was ADOPTED.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 073-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AMENDING SECTION 1136, TITLED FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY FOR DISPOSAL OR PROCESSING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND LOCAL WASTE SERVICES, LTD.

ORDINANCE NO.080 -2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$95,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND (505); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$95,000.00) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT 505.000.51000.

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 080-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 080-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 080-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 080-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 081-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$23,000.00) FROM THE LIFECYCLE REPLACEMENT FUND 315 TO THE TECHNOLOGY FUND 314.

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 081-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 081-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 081-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 081-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 082-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$450,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND (511) TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (511.000.50000).

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 082-2025, and Councilor Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 082-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 082-2025, and Councilor Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 082-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 083-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFER PERCENTAGES ALLOTTED TO THE FOLLOWING NON-GENERAL FUNDS LISTED IN THE LEGISLATION.

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 083-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 083-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 083-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 083-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 084-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/00 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE RECREATION TRUST FUND (860) TO THE RECREATION TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (860.000.51000).

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 084-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 084-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 084-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 084-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 085-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/00 DOLLARS (\$9,700.00) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE PARKS & RECREATION GRANTS FUND (225) TO THE PARKS & RECREATION GRANTS FUND URBAN FORESTRY GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (225.000.50010).

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 085-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 085-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 085-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 085-2025 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Brown introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 035-2025, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Resolution No. 035-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Dixon stated that many people in this community are weary. Much has been shared and said. He shared some comments that a resident had sent. (a copy is in the file.)

There was continued discussion by all Council members at this time. Economic Development Director Jackie Russell answered questions from the Council.

Councilor Brown moved to adopt Resolution No. 035-2025, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Councilor Elmore voted Yes; Councilor Morrison voted No; Councilor Heck voted Yes; Councilor Smith voted Yes; Councilor Harcar voted Yes; Councilor Dixon voted No; Councilor Brown voted Yes; and Resolution 035-2025 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

Micole Spicer of Whitehall is excited about the direction the city is moving in. She thanked Mayor Bivens for being a visionary leader. She does not know who is coming for Councilor Elmore, but she knows that she is rooted and firm and she will not be moved. She stands with Ms. Elmore.

State Representative Latnya Humphries announced that in October, they would be having their 3rd Annual Basketball Tournament on the south side of Columbus at Rising Park. She encouraged everyone to come and play basketball on October 11 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

“Medicare Matters” at Heart of Ohio, 5000 E. Main Street, which the Mayor talked about, the Dog Days of Summer will be held at Central Bark on August 21, the Hockey program is still taking registrations, Nector Sector at Whitehall Community Park on August 30, and Coffee and Chat tomorrow evening at 5:30.

POLL COUNCIL:

Councilor Elmore warmly expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, acknowledging the vibrant and engaging discussions that unfolded during the gathering. She extended a special thanks to her cherished church family at City of Grace, as well as to her Pastor for his unwavering support and wise guidance. With a sense of pride, she congratulated the City of Grace basketball team on their remarkable victory, celebrating the spirit of community and teamwork. She emphasized that true community should rise to meet every need, a principle exemplified by the Thursday Night Thrillers program. She also expressed appreciation for the Mayor, recognizing him as a visionary leader—often misunderstood in the community due to the depth of his vision. Councilor Elmore shared a profound message she felt compelled to convey: the Lord encouraged her to elevate her perspective, to look beyond the immediate and familiar. She reminded everyone that while it is easy to be fixated on what is right in front of us, it is essential to gaze toward the horizon, where possibilities abound. She urged her fellow community members to broaden their focus, encouraging them to move past a narrow viewpoint and embrace the wider landscape that lies ahead.

Councilor Heck announced that last Thursday marked the conclusion of the Thursday Night Thrillers. She informed the public that Franklin County will be spraying for mosquitoes tomorrow at 9:00 PM and encouraged everyone to sign up for alerts on the Franklin County website. She expressed her gratitude to both the viewers at home and those in attendance at the meeting. Additionally, she welcomed and thanked Shellie for stepping in. Councilor Heck also acknowledged the hard work of the two interns, Taylor and Curtis.

Councilor Smith thanked both the viewers at home and those present at the meeting. She appreciates the comments shared tonight.

Councilor Harcar expressed her gratitude to both the viewers at home and those in attendance at the meeting. She thanked those who spoke in favor of Ordinance 061-2025. It takes a lot of courage to speak up in front of Council especially with the political climate they are in. The resolutions that were passed several months ago led the way to being able to pass this ordinance. She thanked Equality Ohio for educating them and for providing valuable insight throughout the process, their expertise and guidance helped to shape the ordinance into something stronger and more meaningful for the community. She thanked the Mayor for his support. She thanked all of Council for passing the ordinance and she knows their work is not finished. She acknowledged State Representative Latyna M. Humphries.

Councilor Dixon expressed his gratitude to both the viewers at home and those in attendance at the meeting. He thanked the Mayor for his efforts in Washington DC. He thanked everyone who spoke tonight and Councilor Harcar for Ordinance 061-2025. The topic about people who have lived here a long time wanting to go back and live in nostalgia. The thing about that is he was born and raised in the 60's, 70's, and 80's Whitehall had great success, booming, happenings, programs, involvement, PTA, Rams, everything was going like gangbusters. Then there was a decline and things went downhill. When people like himself talk about how it was, he is not foolish enough to think or want even the nostalgia but to have success again here in Whitehall. They deserve it, they should have it, and that is what he wants to see, not going

back to some past time. He has always lived in the present, and that is just the way it is. If you have an organic garden or bees around, you can give the Health Department a call and they will not spray by your residence. He said that Councilor Elmore did not call people racist, but she referred to “this Mayor” with emphasis on “this Mayor.” He believes the inference is there. He does not like the inference that was given that he or others on this dais might be racist. If he has an issue with someone, it is because of their character, what he likes and does not like, and has nothing to do with the color of their skin. His record is clear, when he opposed things the former Mayor brought forward and introduced that he felt were wrong, he gave the reasons why he thought they were, as he continues to do today. He deeply rejects and is offended by any notion that he is there doing anything out of racism.

Councilor Brown expressed his gratitude to both the viewers at home and those in attendance at the meeting. He thanked State Representative Latyna M. Humphries for not only showing up tonight, but every day, and he appreciates the work she does. He thanked the Mayor and the Administration for going out and fighting for Whitehall. He thanked Councilor Harcar for all the work she does in being a true advocate for people. He thanked Taylor and Curtis for the work they have been doing in the city. He thanked Councilor Dixon for the information he provided on the spraying of the mosquitoes and protecting the organic gardens and the ecosystem. He is hopeful that as they continue to work through some of these difficult conversations, they will continue to come together. He believes that when Councilor Dixon and others talk of old Whitehall, they are talking about the sense of community overall.

Councilor Morrison expressed his gratitude to both the viewers at home, those present at the meeting, those who made comments. He stated that there was a little controversy, people were respectful considering the situation and he appreciated the audience controlling their emotions. He wished everyone a good week.

Having nothing further to add, President Pro Tem Morrison adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 7, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Pro Tem Morrison ordered the September 2, 2025, agenda meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of President Potter and Councilor Brown.

President Pro Tem Morrison reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the required motions this evening.

Auditor Quincel explained the legislation from his office at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 7, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

President Pro Tem Morrison called the regular meeting of the Whitehall City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

At President Pro Tem Morrison's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of the council were present:

Larry Morrison
Jo Anna Heck
Amy Smith (arrived at 6:50 pm)
Amy Harcar
Gerald Dixon
Lori Elmore

Councilor Dixon moved to excuse the absent members, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members responded in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and President Potter and Councilor Brown were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025, Agenda and Regular Meeting minutes, the August 12, 2025, Agenda and Committee Meeting, and the August 26, 2025, Special Council Meeting Agenda and meeting minutes. Councilor Heck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded affirmatively, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Councilor Elmore reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community and Elder Advocacy – Councilor Harcar reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Councilor Smith reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Councilor Dixon reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services – Councilor Heck reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Councilor Morrison reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Councilor Heck reported that the committee met last week, and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Michael T. Bivens thanked Councilor Smith for the discussion that they had a few days ago. The discussion on the Office of Neighborhoods was valuable and very informative. She asked why they could not use the current staff to bring this to bear. In his budget testimony last year, he indicated that the current staff would be utilized in 2025, especially with the neighborhood van and outreach efforts in the communities. He invited anyone who wants to have a conversation regarding the Office on Neighborhoods; he is more than willing to meet with them. He shared why he is so passionate about bringing this to the City of Whitehall. Healthy families build healthy communities.

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus had no official report.

City Auditor Steve Quincel had no official report. He requested favorable consideration of Resolutions 036-2025, 037-2025, and 038-2025.

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands had no official report. She asked for favorable consideration of Ordinance 073-2025.

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg was not present.

City Treasurer Shaquille Alexander was not present.

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell was not present.

President Pro Tem Morrison stated the following officials' reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: the Auditor's Financial Reports for July 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS:

The following Communications, Petitions, or Claims have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting; The Whitehall Planning Commission Special Meeting Agenda for Thursday, August 28, 2025, and the Whitehall Planning Commission Meeting minutes for Monday, July 7, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Pro Tem Morrison opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 073-2025 at 7:21 pm, and asked if any proponents wanted to speak on Ordinance No. 073-2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 073-2025

AMENDING SECTION 1136, TITLED FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

Director Rowlands spoke on the planning and zoning code updates. She provided fast facts for each person. This update is requesting the amendment of Section 1136, which is the flood damage reduction code. The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation on Ordinance 073-2025.

President Pro Tem Morrison asked if there were any opponents who wanted to speak on Ordinance No. 073-2025. There was none.

President Pro Tem Morrison closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 073-2025 at 7:24 pm.

POLL PUBLIC:

Richard Collins of Whitehall stated that he would like more information on the Office of Neighborhoods, as he is very interested in this subject.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Pro Tem Morrison requested a roll call on whether each member of the council received a copy of each item of legislation listed on the agenda before the meeting, including any add-on legislation. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 073-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AMENDING SECTION 1136, TITLED FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

Councilor Smith introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 073-2025, and Councilor Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 073-2025 was ADOPTED.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY FOR DISPOSAL OR PROCESSING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND LOCAL WASTE SERVICES, LTD.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 086-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL OF OHIO (PEP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Smith introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 086-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 086-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 086-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 086-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS OF 161.09(A) VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDIT CARRYOVER 161.09(8) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES TO THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 087-2025, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 087-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 087-2025, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 087-2025 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 088-2025 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL 161 TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Was read by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 089-2025 *(Comm. Of the Whole -1st Reading –SUSP & ADOPT 09-02-2025 –Harcar/Heck)*

ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN ~~AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.~~

Councilor Harcar introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 089-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 089-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Harcar introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 089-2025, and Councilor Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Councilor Morrison voted No; Councilor Heck voted Yes; Councilor Smith voted Yes; Councilor Harcar voted Yes; Councilor Dixon voted No; Councilor Elmore voted Yes; and Ordinance No. 089-2025 was ADOPTED without the emergency clause.

ORDINANCE NO. 090-2025 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:*

RESOLVING A TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE APPEAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was a discussion by the City Attorney and the Councilmembers as to the facts involved in resolving this appeal.

Councilor Dixon introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 090-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Ordinance No. 090-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Dixon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 090-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 090-2025 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 036-2025 *was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:*

RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES.

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 036-2025, and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Resolution 036-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Resolution 036-2025 and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Resolution 036-2025 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES VIA OHIO'S URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM.

Councilor Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 037-2025, and Councilor Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Councilor Morrison voted No; Councilor Heck voted Yes; Councilor Smith voted Yes; Councilor Harcar voted Yes; Councilor Dixon voted Yes; Councilor Elmore voted Yes; and the rules on Resolution 037-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Heck moved to adopt Resolution 037-2025 and Councilor Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Councilor Morrison voted No; Councilor Heck voted Yes; Councilor Smith voted Yes; Councilor Harcar voted Yes; Councilor Dixon voted Yes; Councilor Elmore voted Yes; and Resolution 037-2025 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 038-2025 was read by title only by President Pro Tem Morrison:

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

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 038-2025, and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and the rules on Resolution 038-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Resolution 038-2025 and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members voted in the affirmative on a roll call vote, and Resolution 038-2025 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Ethiopian New Year Celebration on Saturday from 3:00 until 7:00 pm at the Whitehall YMCA.

WYHS first football game of the season is this Friday.

Visit the Park and Recreation website to see all the activities they have to offer.

POLL COUNCIL:

Councilor Heck expressed her gratitude to both the viewers at home and those present at the meeting, as well as to Mr. Collins who spoke.

Councilor Smith expressed her gratitude to both the viewers at home and those present at the meeting. She thanked the Mayor for his kind words.

Councilor Harcar expressed her gratitude to both the viewers at home and those in attendance at the meeting. She thanked Mr. Collins for his comments and welcomed him back anytime. She thanked the Mayor for sharing information on the Office of Neighborhoods.

Councilor Dixon expressed his gratitude to both the viewers at home and those in attendance at the meeting. He expressed his opinion on grants and taxes, and how this country is in terrible debt. He found a quote from Calvin Coolidge, which sums it up. He stated, "He favors the policy of economy, not because I want to save money, but because I wish to save people. The men and women of the country who toil are the ones who bear the cost of the government. Every dollar that is carelessly wasted means that their lives will be so much more meager." Councilor Dixon shared a piece from the blog post he used to run in reference to some inferences that were made a couple of weeks ago. These were his thoughts from September 2017. (There is no copy in the file.)

Councilor Elmore expressed her gratitude to both the viewers at home and those present at the meeting, and to Mr. Collins for speaking tonight. The Mayor spoke of the report, Healthy Families Build Healthy Communities, and she could not agree more. As they grow, they need a plan of action, a roadmap, and this city is evolving. It is multi-cultural, multi-generational, and they are considered a melting pot. They are low to mid-income, and they are really in desperate need of meeting the needs of those people in different wards and neighborhoods, so they do not feel like one area is better than another is. Without a vision, people perish. If there is no vision, people return to nostalgia. They are not like other cities. They do not have all the amenities that larger cities have. She has been happy to be a part of this city for almost fifteen years now. She thanked the Mayor for his vision and the Council for seeing the vision ahead and moving in that direction.

President Pro Tem Morrison thanked everyone for their patience with him tonight and Ms. Widdis for stepping in. He thanked Mr. Collins for his participation in poll public. He thanked those at home watching.

Having nothing further to add, President Pro Tem Morrison adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 7, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2025

President Potter called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2025. All members were present.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of the council were present:

Gerald Dixon
Larry Morrison
Amy Smith
Jo Anna Heck
Lori Elmore
Devin Brown
Amy Harcar

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Potter requested a roll call on whether each member of the 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.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 102-2025 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL 161 TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 102-2025 and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Councilor Dixon voted No; Councilor Morrison voted No; Councilor Smith voted Yes; Councilor Heck voted Yes; Councilor Elmore voted Yes; Councilor Brown voted Yes; Councilor Harcar voted Yes; and the rules on Ordinance No. 102-2025 were suspended.

Councilor Elmore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 102-2025 and Councilor Harcar seconded the motion.

Councilor Dixon objected because some members could not honor their obligation to their Council commitments, so the rest of them were brought in on a different day to vote on legislation to satisfy the Mayor.

Councilor Heck asked for confirmation that this legislation was not tied to the budget and it is just for the position.

Mayor Bivens stated it was not tied to the budget.

Councilor Elmore responded by stating that special meetings require a twelve hours' notice. They are familiar with the legislation. In addition to that, it is really about ensuring that the Mayor as he has

looked over the areas, the departments, and the City of Whitehall, which he has full authority over, that he is able to create, and that is within his purview. Everything has been done properly.

Councilor Morrison asked if there were any changes in the legislation from Ord. 102-2025 and 088-2025.

Mayor Bivens replied that there were no changes.

Councilor Brown mentioned that he was one of the Councilmembers who were not present. He clarified that, rather than framing the discussion around pleasing the Mayor, his primary concern is the impact of this position on the community, as the Mayor has explained. His focus is on the people who would be affected by these positions.

Councilor Harcar expressed her agreement with the comments made by Councilor Brown. The City Attorney reached out to her to address concerns about her ethical eligibility to vote on the legislation in question. After a thorough discussion, it was confirmed that there are no outstanding ethical issues related to her employment, which is often a point of inquiry in such situations.

The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Councilor Dixon voted No; Councilor Morrison voted No; Councilor Smith voted Yes; Councilor Heck voted Yes; Councilor Elmore voted Yes; Councilor Brown voted Yes; Councilor Harcar voted Yes; and Ordinance No. 102-2025 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 7, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2025

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 AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AND CREATING ALL-WAYS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall desires to erect two new stop signs on Fairway Blvd at the Country Club Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the erection of these stop signs will enable an orderly flow of traffic on Fairway Blvd; and

WHEREAS, these signs must be added to the appendix traffic schedule II entitled "Stop Intersections"; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Traffic Code of the City of Whitehall, Ohio is hereby amended by adding and amending the following stop sign locations on Maplewood Avenue, Collingwood Avenue and Robinwood Avenue to the Appendix - Traffic Schedule II Entitled - "Stop Intersections" as follows:

VEHICLE DRIVING ON

REQUIRED STOP AT

Fairway Blvd North
Fairway Blvd South

Country Club Road
Country Club Road

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 103-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$27,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE 101.950.53600 FIRE HYDRANTS EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has received reimbursement insurance monies for the repair of fire hydrants damaged as result of accidents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio approves the 101 expense account supplemental appropriation in the amount of twenty seven thousand and 00/100 (\$27,000.00) from the General Fund (101) to Fire Hydrant expense account (101.950.53600).

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the purpose stated.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety and welfare and for further reason this legislation is necessary to have the monies available to pay other expenses; WHEREFORE, this ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 104 -2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,302.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE EVIDENCE SETASIDE FUND (245) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ON THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,302.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (241) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (241.000.50000).

WHEREAS, the Whitehall Division of Police seized monies as a result of a narcotics investigation and recorded the said monies in the Evidence Setaside Fund (245) and;

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Common Pleas Court has released the monies, by court order, to the Whitehall Division of Police and disperse the monies as outlined in Whitehall City Ordinance 52-87; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this Council approves a fund transfer in the amount forty thousand three hundred two and 00/100 dollars (\$40,302.00) from unappropriated monies in the Evidence Setaside Fund (245) to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (241) and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of forty thousand three hundred two and 00/100 dollars (\$40,302.00) from unappropriated funds in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (241) to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expense Account (241.000.50000).

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the stated purpose.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 105-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE 101.900.51017 WELLNESS EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

WHEREAS, the city provides a wellness program for its employees; and

WHEREAD, additional monies are required for the employee wellness incentives for 2025; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio approves a supplemental appropriation in the amount of twenty-eight thousand and no/100 dollars (\$28,000.00) from the General Fund (101) to Wellness expense account (101.900.51017).

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 106-2025

AUTHORIZING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,250,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND (511) TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (511.000.50000).

WHEREAS, the City has experienced a significant increase in employee health insurance claims during the year 2025; and;

WHEREAS, the City Auditor has advised that it will be necessary to utilize funds from the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund to ensure sufficient resources are available to cover employee medical claims NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio approves a supplemental appropriation from the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund (511) to the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund Expense Account (511.000.50000) in the amount of one million two hundred fifty thousand and no/100 (\$1,250,000.00).

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the purpose stated.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 107 -2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE FUND (505); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT 505.000.51000.

WHEREAS, the Accrued Benefit Reserve Fund is used for employee payouts for the designated benefits that belong to the employee through their union contract or by codified ordinance upon separation of employment from the City of Whitehall, and

WHEREAS, the fund balance is currently low and requires additional funding; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Whitehall, approves a fund transfer in the amount ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) from unappropriated monies in the General Fund (101) to the Accrued Benefit Reserve Fund (505) and approves a supplemental appropriation in the amount of ten thousand and 00/00 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Accrued Benefit Reserve Fund Expense Account (505.000.51000),

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the stated purpose.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 108 -2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN AND 04/100 DOLLARS (\$18.04) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE STATE SALES TAX FUND (856).

WHEREAS, the City established Fund 856 for the collection of sales tax to be remitted to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation; and;

WHEREAS, the City is required to transmit the collected sales tax electronically to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation; and;

WHEREAS, the original budget allocation for Fund 856 did not account for associated transaction or processing fees; and;

WHEREAS, be it resolved by the City Council that the budget for Fund 856 shall be corrected to include sufficient funds to cover all applicable fees related to the electronic transmission of sales tax, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That there be and is hereby transferred the sum of eighteen and 04/100 dollars (\$18.04) from unappropriated monies in the General Fund (101) to the State Sales Tax Fund (856)

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the stated purpose.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 110-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND 110.

WHEREAS, the City established the Budget Stabilization Fund with Ordinance 092-2023 for the purpose of fully or partially supporting a General Fund deficit; and

WHEREAS, the amount of available General Fund dollars was sufficient in third quarter 2025 to provide for this transfer; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Administration to continue to review the City's revenue at the conclusion of each calendar quarter hereafter and, based on the outcome of that review, present to the Council a recommendation to transfer additional monies to the Budget Stabilization Fund (110); up to and not exceeding five percent (5%) of that quarter's revenue; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Whitehall approves a fund transfer in the amount of five hundred thousand and no/dollars (\$500,000.00) from the General Fund 101 to the Budget Stabilization Fund 110.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025

RESOLVING TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES.

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 5705.41(D)(1) states that "then and now" certificates of three thousand dollars and no/100 (\$3,000.00) and more must be approved by resolution or ordinance within thirty days of receipt of the "then and now" certificates; and

WHEREAS, the City has processed the attached "then and now" certificates over the sum of three thousand dollars and now these certificates require approval by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of the City of Whitehall, Ohio has determined that, at the time of the making and execution of the certificates, a sufficient sum was appropriated by Council for the purpose of the requisition, and is currently deposited in the treasury and allocated to the appropriate account and free from any previous encumbrances; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the City Council does hereby approve the attached "then and now" certificates:

SECTION 2: That the City Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, lawfully appropriated the expenditure, which the expense originated.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the Council of the City of Whitehall and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

NUMBER	VENDOR	AMOUNT	ORDER DATE	PURCHASE PURPOSE	PURCHASE ORDER	INVOICE DATE	FUND & ACCOUNT
2025-Council-00076-A	00638 Walter H Drane Co	\$ 3,335.76	08/06/25	Codified Ordinance Updates	2025001013	07/17/25	101.100.52000
2025-HR-00370-A	01798 WORKHEALTH	\$ 3,036.00	08/06/25	to pay for drug screens, psych	2025001012	07/01/25	101.450.52500
2025-Service-04094-A	00117 Columbus City Treasurer	\$ 150,000.00	08/06/25	Water Break Repairs	2025001027	07/08/25	101.950.59800
2025-Mayor-00600-A	05162 DEWEY DECIBEL SYSTEMS	\$ 11,675.00	08/06/25	Food Truck Festival Stage	2025001004	07/10/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00608-A	05285 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION	\$ 13,120.60	08/06/25	Food Truck Festival Security	2025001005	07/25/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00764-A	5286 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION	\$ 3,515.76	08/22/25	Food Truck Festival Security	2025001005	07/25/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00652-A	05009 WAS PORTABLES LLC	\$ 6,578.74	08/06/25	Food Truck Festival Blank	2025001032	07/29/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00666-A	05715 HUNTINGTON NATIONAL	\$ 3,843.75	08/11/25	Food Truck Festival Blank	2025001032	07/08/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00712-A	03569 Sunbelt Rentals	\$ 3,105.00	08/12/25	Food Truck Festival Blank	2025001032	07/17/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00658-A	05870 BOBBY FERGUSON	\$ 34,981.57	08/07/25	Food Truck Festival Logistics	2025001034	07/30/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00716-A	04883 ACC PARTY RENTAL, INC.	\$ 17,507.65	08/12/25	Food Truck Festival Logistics	2025001036	08/04/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00720-A	04295 SPRINGFIELD ACME ELEC	\$ 19,178.25	08/12/25	Food truck festival logistics	2025001038	07/30/25	215.000.50000
2025-Mayor-00772-A	04130 CREATIVE SPOT	\$ 4,125.00	08/27/25	Whitehall Means Business	2025001090	08/08/25	295.000.57500
2025-Service-04244-A	00172 Emh&T Consulting Eng	\$ 9,954.34	08/13/25	Whitehall Water Main Repla	2025001042	07/23/25	305.000.50000
2025-Service-04250-A	00172 Emh&T Consulting Eng	\$ 41,839.52	08/13/25	Whitehall 2023 Water Main	2025001056	07/24/25	305.000.50000
2025-Service-04412-A	00278 Mid-Ohio Regional PlaN	\$ 9,385.84	08/22/25	MORPC Infrastructure Project	2025001045	06/30/25	311.000.54000
2025-Mayor-00744-A	02912 THE WASSERSTROM CO	\$ 137,500.00	08/14/25	WASSERSTROM INCENTIVE	2025001041	07/18/25	316.000.50000
2025-Service-04408-A	05087 JEROME M. SCOTT ARCH	\$ 45,750.00	08/22/25	Piping Replacement-PD	2025000867	06/05/25	324.000.50000
2025-Service-04404-A	05087 JEROME M. SCOTT ARCH	\$ 74,500.00	08/22/25	City Hall Renovation Design	2025000866	06/04/25	330.000.50000
2025-Auditor-04540-A	04114 UMR	\$ 45,088.99	08/06/25	2025 STOP LOSS FEES	2025001031	07/19/25	511.000.50000
		\$ 638,021.77					

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2025

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2024.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) reviewed projects for compliance per the Ohio Revised Code section 5709.85(C) on Thursday, August 21, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Whitehall Assisted Living LLC CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Heartland Bank CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Airport South 2 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Cerelia Bakery CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Norton Crossing CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Wango Limited (Broadwood Apartments) CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Hamilton/Broad TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Main/Yearling TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Main/Hamilton TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Poth Road TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Town and Country TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Airport South 1 TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Creative Palette TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Etna Road TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Norton Crossing TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2025

WHEREAS, Whitehall City Council is required by the Ohio Revised Code to submit an annual report on the status of each agreement and the recommendations of the TIRC to the Franklin County Auditor and to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby accepts the TIRCs' recommendations as stated herein.

SECTION 2: The Economic Development Director is hereby directed to file all information required by the State of Ohio with the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and Franklin County Auditor.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025. _____
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 041-2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG).

WHEREAS, the City is seeking legislative authorization and support from the Council of the City of Whitehall to accept a Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to procure for the Fire Department new hoses and nozzles; and

WHEREAS, the AFG grant is in the amount of up to sixty-two thousand six hundred sixty-five and 45/100 dollars (\$62,665.45); and

WHEREAS, the overall purchase price of the hoses and nozzles is estimated to be sixty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-two dollars (\$68,932.00); and

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for a minimum ten percent (10%) match in the total cost; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is authorized to accept the AFG grant.

SECTION 2: That this resolution shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025 _____
Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 109-2025

APPROPRIATING SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 45/100 DOLLARS (\$62,665.45) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND (221) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND FD ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS EXPENSE ACCOUNT 221.000.50080.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall Division of Fire was awarded a partial grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide for new hoses and nozzles; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires the city to pay the remainder of the cost; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this Council approves the appropriation of sixty-two thousand six hundred sixty-five and 45/100 dollars (\$62,665.45) from previously unappropriated monies in the Fire Department Grant Fund (221) to the Fire Department Grant Fund FD Assistance to Firefighters expense account 221.000.50080.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the purposes stated in this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 042-2025

APPROVING ACCRUED VACATION AND/OR COMPENSATORY TIME PAY OUT FOR AN EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRING FROM FULL-TIME TO PART-TIME STATUS.

WHEREAS, a City employee has accrued vacation time and/or compensatory time in their role as a full-time employee; and

WHEREAS, said employee has switched duties to become a part-time City employee; and

WHEREAS, according to existing City policy, part-time City employees are not eligible to earn or use vacation time or compensatory time; and

WHEREAS, neither the City Employee Handbook (policy) nor any union contract with the City makes provisions for handling such a situation; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor believes it to be in the best interest of the City and the affected employee to pay out any accrued vacation and/or compensatory time at the employee's previous full-time pay rate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, hereby approves paying out, as soon as is practical, of any accrued vacation and/or compensatory time to the City employee transferring from full-time to part-time employment status at the full-time wage rate of the affected employee.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall go into full force and effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 043-2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/ CONSERVATION PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has grants available for Community Recreation projects, intended to invest in the long-term growth and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall desires to accept a grant offered through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount of one hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$100,000); and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall will use this grant to create a limestone shared use path around the community pond at the future Rockwell development site which will then connect to Whitehall Community Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall is not required to provide any matching funds or in-kind services in order to accept said grant funding; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept an ODNR Capital Improvement Grant in an amount of one hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$100,000).

SECTION 2: That the Mayor as Chief Executive Officer and Casey Rowlands as Official Representative and Program Contact, be directed and authorized to act in connection with the application.

SECTION 3: That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor