



WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 5, 2025 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025 Agenda & Emergency Special Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025 Agenda & Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Economic Development Director Jackie Russell

President Thomas M. Potter

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 112 -2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING USE REGULATIONS AND TABLES 1103.02, TABLE 1103.03, AND TABLE 1108.01 OF PART 11 – THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

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:

ORDINANCE NO. 112 -2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING USE REGULATIONS AND TABLES 1103.02, TABLE 1103.03, AND TABLE 1108.01 OF PART 11 – THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 113 -2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FROM COLUMBUS HOUSING PARTNERSHIP INC. LOCATED AT 0 ETNA ROAD, WHITEHALL, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2025

AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$375,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WIMPITE FUND 279 TO THE ETNA RD TIF EXPENSE ACCOUNT 279.000.50008 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025

MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT GENERAL FUND (101) EXPENSES, STREET (201) EXPENSES AND STATE HIGHWAY MATERIALS (211) EXPENSES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN THE TOTAL SUM OF FORTY-FOUR MILLION, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 31/100 (\$44,959,351.31) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2025

AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SPECIAL REVENUE, INTERNAL SERVICE AND FIDUCIARY EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 IN THE TOTAL SUM OF THIRTY-SIX MILLION, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-TWO CENTS (\$36,174,599.22) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2025

ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER 1125.04 TO ALLOW DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 0 S. HAMILTON ROAD, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008433, PROPERTY OWNED BY WRIGHT PATT CREDIT UNION INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 121-2025

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT AND 85/100 DOLLARS (\$77,648.85) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 122-2025

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 (\$141,620.00) FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 75/100 DOLLARS (\$13,651.75) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 124-2025

APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THREE DOLLARS AND 32/100 (\$456,623.32) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WATER UTILITY FUND (841) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

ORDINANCE NO. 125-2025

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND (211) TO THE STATE HIGHWAY MATERIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (211.000.51100).

ORDINANCE NO. 126-2025

AUTHORIZING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$20,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE COBRA EXTENDED BENEFITS (501) TO THE COBRA EXPENSE ACCOUNT (501.000.50000).

ORDINANCE NO. 127-2025

AMENDING PART ONE, TITLE FIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL: (1) ENACTING CHAPTER 168, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 128-2025

AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AND SEVENTY-FOUR/DOLLARS (\$331,130.74) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WIMPITE FUND 279 TO THE ETNA RD TIF EXPENSE

ACCOUNT 279.000.50008 AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$626,553.69) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE ECONOMIC DEV FUND 316 TO THE ECONOMIC DEV INCENTIVES/PLAN EXPENSE ACCOUNT 316.000.50000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 046-2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR 494 SOUTH YEARLING ROAD AND 559 S ELAINE RD, PARCEL NUMBERS 090-004346-00 AND 090-004247, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 047-2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH CENTRAL OHIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (COCIC), TO APPLY AND RECEIVE DEMOLITION FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

POLL PUBLIC:

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

POLL COUNCIL:

DIXON; BROWN; ELMORE; MORRISON; HECK; SMITH; HARCAR

ADJOURN

Whitehall City Council Meeting

November 5, 2025 minutes

President Potter ordered the November 5, 2025, agenda meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Councilor Brown.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: November 18, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

Whitehall City Council Meeting

November 5, 2025 minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Thomas Potter called the Whitehall City Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Clerk of Council Julie Ogg called the roll:

Harcar – Present; Dixon – Present; Brown – Absent; Elmore – Present; Morrison – Present; Heck – Present; Smith - Present

Motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Elmore, to excuse the absent member. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Nicodemus requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation under ORC 121.22(G)(3), requesting that only City Council members and legal counsel be present initially.

There was a discussion about whether the Mayor should be included in the executive session. Council President noted that excluding the Mayor had been done in the past, though it was unusual. City Attorney Nicodemus clarified that the Mayor could potentially be invited back into the session after the initial discussion.

Motion by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(3). Motion carried with all members voting yes.

Council President reminded members to take no papers, phones, or devices into the executive session.

The City Council and the City Attorney adjourned into executive session at 7:02 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:21 pm.

President Potter announced that the meeting would resume after a five-minute break.

The meeting reconvened at 8:27 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes was presented, including minutes from meetings on September 9, 16, 23, October 7, 14, and 28, 2025.

Ms. Ogg noted an amendment needed for the September 23, 2025, minutes. She explained that the current wording stated "Mayor Bivens expressed that he finds it enjoyable to attend council meetings without prior notice of the topics being discussed," but it should read "Mayor Bivens expressed that he does not find it enjoyable to attend council meetings without prior notice of the topics being discussed." The key correction was adding the word "not."

Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Heck, to approve all the meeting minutes with the amendment to the September 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Elmore

Chairperson Elmore reported that the Administration and Financial Management committee met the previous Tuesday. She noted they had two pieces of legislation on the docket for the evening. The committee minutes were on file, and they would meet again the following Wednesday.

2. Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Harcar

Chairperson Harcar reported that the Community and Elder Advocacy committee met the previous Tuesday. She noted they had no drafts or pending legislation for the evening and would meet again the following week after 6:30 PM.

3. Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Smith

Chairperson Smith reported that the Community Standards and Enforcement committee also met the previous week. The minutes were on file, and she noted that Ordinance 112-2025 was up for first reading and would be read and discussed at the Whitehall Planning Commission meeting on November 17th.

4. Economic Development – Chairperson Dixon

Chairperson Dixon reported that Economic Development met the previous Tuesday, and the minutes were on file. He stated they had nothing on the agenda for the evening and would meet in the chambers the following Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

5. Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services – Chairperson Morrison

In Chairperson Brown's absence, Councilmember Morrison reported that Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services met the previous Tuesday. The minutes were on file, and they would meet again the following Wednesday after 6:30 PM.

6. Public Safety – Chairperson Morrison

Chairperson Morrison reported that Public Safety met the previous Tuesday. The minutes were on file, and they would meet again the following Wednesday after 6:30 PM.

7. Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Heck

Chairperson Heck reported that Parks and Recreation met on October 28th. The minutes were on file, they had no legislation on the agenda, and they would meet again the following Wednesday after 6:30 PM.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Michael T. Bivens

Mayor Bivens congratulated all candidates elected in the previous day's elections, expressing appreciation for the democratic process. He specifically congratulated citizens regarding Issue 28, a citizen initiative petition.

The Mayor reported on several key issues:

- Food insecurity concerns:
 - Noted that 27% of residents in the Pinewood neighborhood receive SNAP benefits
 - Mentioned the ongoing government shutdown was creating struggles for Whitehall residents
 - Thanked Carter Kindness for delivering food to the city, with meals available for pickup at City Hall, the Police Department, and Fire Department without questions asked
 - Announced a partnership with NBC 4 for a food giveaway on November 20th throughout the park system, expecting 1,500-2,500 food insecure individuals
 - Shared that Real Solutions (TNT) was offering \$300 worth of food to the first 100 recipients, with the Mayor and his wife planning to participate by shopping at Kroger for food insecure residents
- Infant mortality rate:
 - Shared concerning statistics from the Franklin County Department of Health showing Whitehall's infant mortality rate at 10.5 compared to 7.3 in Franklin County overall
 - Emphasized that systemic poverty in the city needs urgent attention and invited council members to join in addressing this issue
- Budget testimony:
 - Announced that budget testimony had been postponed to the following week
 - Planned to have a budget to committee by November 12th in preparation for budget testimony that Saturday
- Other announcements:
 - Informed the council they should have received an email regarding ED 411 training through Economic Development Director Jackie Russell
 - Reported having a good meeting with the schools and planned to provide an update at the next council meeting
 - Announced the groundbreaking of Aries Lofts the next day at 2 PM, with shuttle service provided from 3380 East Livingston Avenue and a reception at City Hall afterward
 - Noted that Aries Lofts would provide 315 housing units (1-3 bedrooms) with first residents expected in summer 2027

The Mayor concluded by acknowledging his wife's upcoming birthday on Sunday.

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus

City Attorney Nicodemus updated the council on a lawsuit involving tobacco retail licensing. He reported that the city, along with 28 other municipalities throughout Central Ohio, had won at the trial court level, and the Tenth District upheld the ruling that cities have home rule. However, he noted that the Supreme Court recently accepted jurisdiction over the state's appeal, so the case was now headed to the Ohio Supreme Court. He explained that the City of Columbus was continuing to handle the legal work on behalf of all the cities involved.

City Auditor Steve Quincel

City Auditor Quincel was not present at the meeting.

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands

The Director of Public Service had no official report for the evening.

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg

Director of Public Safety Gregg was not present at the meeting.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander

Treasurer Alexander was present but did not provide a report.

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell

Director Russell was not present as she was attending a ceremony presenting an award to her father for 30 years of service with MODE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

There were no communications, petitions, or claims filed in the council office since the last meeting.

POLL PUBLIC

President Potter invited the public to speak, but no one came forward.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES

A roll call confirmed that each council member had received copies of all legislation listed on the agenda prior to the meeting.

THIRD READING

There was no legislation for third reading.

SECOND READING

There was no legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 112-2025 (TITLE ONLY)

President Potter announced that this ordinance had been referred to the Whitehall Planning Commission for the November 17, 2025 meeting. The ordinance concerned amending use regulations and tables 1103.02, table 1103.03, and table 1108.01 of Part 11 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

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ORDINANCE NO. 113-2025 (TITLE ONLY)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute necessary conveyance documents to acquire property from Columbus Housing Partner Inc., located at 0 Edna Road, Whitehall, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2025 (TITLE ONLY)

Authorizing and appropriating the amount of \$375,000 from unappropriated monies of the Wimpite Fund 279 to the Edna Road TIP expense account 279.000.50008 and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 116-2025

An ordinance approving and making a fund transfer in the amount of \$829,443.75 from unappropriated monies in the general fund 101 to the debt service fund 401.

Motion by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to introduce Ordinance 116-2025 and suspend all rules. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt Ordinance 116-2025. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 117-2025

An ordinance approving a fund transfer in the amount of \$462,212.50 from the Police Department Tax Levy Fund 280 to the Debt Service Fund 401.

Motion by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to introduce Ordinance 117-2025 and suspend all rules. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt Ordinance 117-2025. Motion passed unanimously.

POLL PUBLIC

President Potter invited the public to speak again, but no one came forward.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Councilmember Heck encouraged residents to sign up for the Whitehall e-update through the city website, noting that it provides valuable information from the city and various community organizations, including details about leaf collection, YMCA activities, and Parks and Recreation events.

Councilmember Smith mentioned upcoming events, including Shop with a Cop on December 1st (with applications available at the police department) and Winter Wonderland at Kelly Green on December 5th. Councilmember Morrison explained that Shop with a Cop selects families to go shopping at Walmart for Christmas, with parents shopping for children and children shopping for parents.

POLL COUNCIL

Councilmember Harcar

Councilmember Harcar congratulated all election candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, and specifically congratulated soon-to-be Auditor Shaquille Alexander. She noted that City Hall would be closed on Veterans Day (Tuesday) and expressed concern about food insecurity issues, particularly for veterans who might lose access to food stamps even after the government shutdown ends. She thanked Carter's Kindness for their efforts and mentioned they had agreed to provide food at the VFW as well. Harcar shared several food security resources available to residents, including Holy Spirit, Saint Philip the Apostle Church, and the Center of Hope. She concluded by reading a message from absent Councilmember Brown, who thanked election participants and emphasized that lasting progress comes from working together.

Councilmember Dixon

Councilmember Dixon thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the election winners and those who ran. He expressed appreciation for comments about food insecurity and publicly thanked Service Director Casey Rowlands for her hard work addressing road issues in the city, noting that while there had been frustration with construction projects, things were getting better and the completed sections of Broad Street looked great.

Councilmember Elmore

Councilmember Elmore thanked attendees and acknowledged the dedication of election candidates, noting that running for office "is not for the weak" but allows candidates to meet wonderful people in the community. She congratulated the elected council members and mentioned that training is available through the Ohio Municipal League. Elmore also addressed the concerning infant mortality rate of 10.4% in Whitehall and emphasized the need to address systemic poverty in the community.

Councilmember Morrison

Councilmember Morrison thanked all those who participated in the election, noting that while some candidates were successful and others weren't, he encouraged those who didn't win to try again as "the city always needs good people to represent it." He wished everyone a good and safe week.

Councilmember Heck

Councilmember Heck thanked viewers and attendees, congratulated election winners, and encouraged unsuccessful candidates to run again in the future. She also thanked Councilmember Harcar for the food resource information and requested that it be emailed to her.

Councilmember Smith

Councilmember Smith echoed her colleagues' sentiments and individually congratulated each election winner: Councilmember Dixon on his reelection, Brian McCann in Ward 2, Mike Atkins as the new Ward 3 representative, Councilmember Devin Brown on his reelection, and future Auditor Shaquille Alexander. She also acknowledged the other candidates who ran: Tiffany Havers, Micole Spicer, David Jackson, and Tracy Heise (write-in campaign). Smith expressed appreciation for Alexander attending despite feeling unwell and stated she was looking forward to the swearing-in ceremony.

President Potter

President Potter concluded by recognizing both successful and unsuccessful candidates, noting that while losing an election is difficult, it's important to "pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and keep going." He especially thanked Micole for attending the meeting and encouraged her to run again in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: November 18, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

Whitehall City Council Emergency Special Meeting

November 12, 2025 minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The special emergency meeting of the Whitehall City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall by President Potter on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Julie Ogg, Clerk of Council, called the roll with the following members present: Gerald Dixon, Larry Morrison, Amy Smith, Jo Anna Heck, Lori Elmore, Devin Brown, Amy Harcar, and President Potter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President Potter requested a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g)(3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Mr. Dixon moved to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mr. Morrison. The motion was approved by roll call vote: Dixon - Yes, Morrison - Yes, Smith - Yes, Heck - Yes, Elmore - Yes, Brown - Yes, Harcar - Yes.

After the motion passed, President Potter informed the public that the executive session would be strictly for the council and the city attorney. Due to acoustic concerns in the backroom, the public was asked to leave the council chambers to maintain confidentiality. Following a brief discussion about location, it was determined that the council and the city attorney would use the conference room in the basement for the executive session.

The Council and City Attorney adjourned into executive session at 6:32 pm.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 PM. President Potter asked the gentleman at the podium to take a seat. The gentleman continued to try to speak, but President Potter announced they were going into recess at 7:28 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM

MOTION

Councilmember Morrison made a motion for the Council to join the federal lawsuit with the FOP concerning the censorship of emails, seconded by Councilmember Dixon. There was no discussion. The motion was defeated by roll call vote:

Dixon - Yes, Morrison - Yes, Smith - No, Heck - No, Elmore - No, Brown - No, Harcar - No.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: November 18, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

City Council Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 12, 2025

President Potter called the November 12, 2025, Council Committees' meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present at the meeting were the following:

Mayor Michael Bivens, City Attorney Brad Nicodemus, Auditor Steve Quincel, Service Director Casey Rowlands, and Economic Development Director Jackie Russell.

President Thomas Potter, Councilor Lori Elmore, Councilor Amy Harcar, Councilor Amy Smith, Councilor Gerald Dixon, Councilor Devin Brown, Councilor Larry Morrison, and Councilor Jo Anna Heck.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE LEGISLATION/ISSUES

President Potter noted there were six pieces of draft legislation on the agenda.

DRAFT #1 - ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025

President Potter presented Ordinance No. 118-2025, making appropriation for current General Fund (101) expenses, Street Fund (201) expenses and State Highway Materials (211) expenses during the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in the total sum of forty-seven million, thirty-four thousand, nine hundred thirty-nine dollars and 78/100 (\$47,034,939.78) and declaring an emergency.

The Auditor addressed the ordinance, explaining that the document is a "living, breathing document until the night that you all vote on it" and that there will be changes made to the document. He noted that most changes would likely come after the directors' meeting scheduled for the next day, adding that the numbers will have to go down. He explained the document was presented to have something as a basis for the council to review, but as in prior years, the numbers change from meeting to meeting as the city determines what it can afford.

Mayor Bivens added that the city has an obligation to pass the budget by December 16th. He confirmed they would be meeting with all the directors the next day to go over the numbers. The Mayor noted that by Saturday, everyone would be prepared for budget testimony and to answer council members' questions. He thanked Councilmember Harcar for providing questions in advance and invited other council members to submit questions prior to Saturday to facilitate the discussion.

Councilmember Heck asked if they would receive a more detailed breakdown on Saturday, including previous years' figures compared to the coming year. The Mayor confirmed the directors would be ready with that information.

Councilmember Dixon asked if the Saturday 10 AM meeting would be open to the public and whether it would be recorded for people to watch from home or at a later date. It was confirmed that the meeting would be recorded like any other open meeting, though it might not be livestreamed.

Mayor Bivens mentioned that the city was entering the budget with a surplus, which had changed significantly due to some claims, but all of that would be explained publicly.

President Potter noted that last year was the first year that directors of each department gave explanations for their individual departments, which he felt worked very well, and thanked the Mayor for continuing the practice.

Mr. Harcar will introduced the ordinance, and Ms. Elmore will second.

DRAFT #2 - ORDINANCE NO. 119-2025

President Potter presented Ordinance No. 119-2025, authorizing an appropriation for Special Revenue, Internal Service, and Fiduciary Expense Accounts for the calendar year 2026 in the total sum of thirty-five million, six hundred eleven thousand, eight hundred forty-three dollars and fifty-four cents (\$35,611,843.54) and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Dixon will introduced the ordinance, and Ms. Elmore will second.

The Auditor explained that these are all the other funds that need money appropriated since they are not general fund related. He noted these funds all have different sources of revenue, some receiving their funding from end-of-month transfers with percentages set by council ordinance. He explained that unlike the general fund which becomes "a whole new animal" on January 1st, these funds automatically carry over what's in them at year-end into 2026, with their revenue streams keeping them going throughout the year. The Auditor added that the numbers in this ordinance may also change before the council vote to ensure everything is covered.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chairperson Elmore opened the committee at 7:41 PM. With no pending legislation or business, the committee was closed at 7:41 PM.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY

Chairperson Harcar opened the committee at 7:41 PM. She thanked Antonio Gordon for his work at the Whitehall YMCA, addressing food insecurity in the community, noting his impressive contributions. She encouraged Mr. Walton to return next week when there would be a public poll. The committee closed at 7:42 PM.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson Smith opened the committee at 7:42 PM. She noted that Ordinance 112-2025 was up for second reading and would be adopted on December 2nd. The ordinance would be heard by the Planning Commission on Monday, November 17th, with a public hearing at City Council on Tuesday, November 18th. She reminded everyone that this ordinance concerns allowing ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) by permit rather than through the special permitting process. With no further discussion, the committee closed at 7:43 PM.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES

Chairperson Brown opened the committee at 7:43 PM. With no drafts or pending legislation, and after a brief shout-out to public service for keeping the streets looking great, the committee closed at 7:44 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Morrison opened public safety at 7:44 PM. With no drafts or pending legislation, he asked if there were any updates on the school TIFs. The Mayor responded that it was still in active negotiations. The committee closed at 7:44 PM.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Heck opened the committee at 7:44 PM. She shared updates from Director Brady regarding Whitehall Park, noting that 28 large trees were planted in the upper level of the park this season, expanding the Ken Maggard Arboretum in Meadows. These enhancements were fully funded through a non-match urban forestry IRA grant.

She also reported that the popular disc golf course received new concrete tee pads, with the project costs offset by a fundraiser tournament. Additionally, the connectivity of the park's lower level to the new Rockwell district has reached substantial completion, with nearly half a mile of new trails now around the pond, improving walkability.

Councilmember Brown publicly thanked Katie Quincel, John Feters, and the rest of the tree commission for their work throughout the year. He mentioned that after the Parks and Recreation Department received the grant, he, John, and Katie attended the Tree Commission Academy and surveyed every single public planning site in Whitehall, which they are now in the process of mapping.

The committee closed at 7:46 PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson Dixon opened the committee at 7:46 PM and presented several items:

DRAFT #3 - ORDINANCE NO. 120-2025

The ordinance, up for third reading on December 16th, is being referred to the Planning Commission for the December 8th meeting, with a public hearing at City Council on December 2nd. It would allow a special permit under 1125.04 for drive-through facilities at 0 South Hamilton Road (parcel number 090-008433), property owned by Wright Patt Credit Union Inc.

Economic Development Director Russell explained that Wright Patt owns the corner property between the roadway and First Commonwealth Bank, and plans to redevelop it as one of their credit unions with drive-through ATMs, which triggers the need for a special use permit. She noted that they are working with Wright Patt on the drive-through orientation since both sides of the property have housing - Gordon Crossing lots on one side and senior housing on the other.

Discussion followed about the timing of this development relative to ODOT's plans to tear up the southwest corner. Director Russell indicated they've connected Wright Patt with ODOT and Shelly and Sands in hopes of coordination, but no guarantees could be made. She noted that Wright Patt was not proposing direct access from the roadway but would use the existing connection through the fairway intersection behind First Commonwealth Bank.

Councilmember Dixon expressed concern about having two banks right next to each other after all the city's efforts to acquire and develop that property with more diverse uses. Director Russell acknowledged this concern but explained that while the city aims for diversity in business types, they cannot control private property sales, and their role is to make projects as beneficial as possible for the city while welcoming new development and jobs. She added that Wright Patt has been a good development partner, agreeing to reorient their building for better curb appeal.

Councilmember Brown emphasized that cities can only directly control land use on city-owned property, and noted that financial incentives are one way the city tries to attract desired development types.

President Potter asked if there had been any discussion about how this might affect the Wright Patt branch on Main Street. Director Russell indicated this hadn't been discussed but that the Hamilton Road location likely serves a different customer base.

Chairperson Dixon will introduce the ordinance, and Ms. Smith will second.

DRAFT #4 - RESOLUTION NO. 045-2025 was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting by Director Russell.

DRAFT #5 - RESOLUTION NO. 046-2025

This resolution, up for third reading on December 16th but now requested for adoption on November 18th as an emergency, authorizes the mayor to enter into a real estate transfer agreement for 494 South Yearling Road and 559 South Elaine Road (parcel numbers 090-004346-00 and 090-004247) located within the city of Whitehall.

Director Russell explained that these two properties are along Yearling Road and behind the Jumbo's (previously referred to as "Shrimp Hut"). The city is working with partners at Yearling Green to demolish the buildings using state funds through the land bank. Since the state requires one applicant for the grant, the city needs to acquire the properties for \$1 to hold during demolition. The November 26th grant deadline necessitates quick action.

Russell clarified that the blue house, white house, and house behind Jumbo's at Elaine would be demolished, while the three businesses would remain. She explained that the state's demolition funding allocation changed to a county-based system, requiring them to split the demolition over two years - residential this year and commercial next year.

When asked about the future development plans, Russell explained they're having active conversations with multiple developers about creating a downtown district or townhomes. The previously approved Yearling Green development behind Dairy Queen will proceed as originally planned, but there may be changes to the development on this side of the street, though those plans are still in active negotiation.

Chairperson Dixon will introduce the resolution, and Mr. Morrison will second.

DRAFT #6 - RESOLUTION NO. 047-2025

This resolution, up for adoption on November 18th, authorizes the mayor to enter into all necessary agreements with Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) to apply and receive demolition funds through the state of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Director Russell explained that this is a companion piece to the previous resolution, authorizing a series of necessary agreements with COCIC, which is the entity that distributes the funds. The agreements would allow for fund distribution and access to the properties.

Chairperson Dixon will introduce the resolution, and Mr. Morrison will second.

The committee also reviewed two items up for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 113-2025

Authorizing the mayor to execute necessary conveyance documents to acquire property from Columbus Housing Partnership Inc. located at 0 Edna Road, with a first by Dixon and second by Smith.

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2025

Authorizing the appropriation of \$375,000 from unappropriated monies in the WIMPITE Fund 279 to the Edna Road TIF expense account, with a first by Dixon and second by Smith.

President Potter advised that he would like a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g)(8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Mr. Dixon so moved, and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. A roll call was taken, and all members voted in the affirmative, and the meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: November 18, 2025

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

ORDINANCE NO. 112-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING USE REGULATIONS AND TABLES 1103.02, TABLE 1103.03, AND TABLE 1108.01 OF PART 11 – THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall updated the Planning and Zoning sections of the Whitehall Codified Code in 2023; and

WHEREAS, since that time minor updates to the Planning and Zoning Code have become warranted to encourage residential unit creation and offer flexibility for residents to do so; NOW THEREFORE;

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

SECTION 1: Table 1103.02 STUR PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS shall read as follows:

TABLE 1103.02 PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS		
	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT	SPECIFIC USE REGULATIONS
LAND USE TYPE	STUR	
Accessory Uses (Any use permitted within the district shall be permitted as an accessory use so long as it is subordinate to the primary use in total GFA devoted to the accessory use)		
RESIDENTIAL		
Accessory Dwelling Units	 	1116.03 E

SECTION 2: Table 1103.03 MUR PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS shall read as follows:

TABLE 1103.03 PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS		
	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT	SPECIFIC USE REGULATIONS
LAND USE TYPE	MUR	
Accessory Uses (Any use permitted within the district shall be permitted as an accessory use so long as it is subordinate to the primary use in total GFA devoted to the accessory use)		
RESIDENTIAL		
Accessory Dwelling Units	 	1116.03 E

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SECTION 3: Table 1108.01 COMPREHENSIVE USE TABLE shall read as follows:

TABLE 1108.01 PRINCIPLE USES BY ZONING DISTRICT											USE DEFINITION & STANDARDS
	STUR	MUR	BRD	MAIN	SH	YEAR	CCD	MILO	INDD	FP	
Accessory Uses (Any use permitted within the district shall be permitted as an accessory use so long as it is subordinate to the primary use in total GFA devoted to the accessory use)											
RESIDENTIAL											
Accessory Dwelling Units	 	 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1116.03 E

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest time provided for by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 113-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FROM COLUMBUS HOUSING PARTNERSHIP INC. LOCATED AT 0 ETNA ROAD, WHITEHALL, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall (the "City") has been negotiating with property owner Columbus Housing Partnership Inc. (the "Property Owner") for the purchase of his property located at 0 Etna Road, Whitehall, Ohio (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a Purchase Sale Agreement with the Property Owner for the purchase of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Property Owner participated in good faith discussions and have come to mutually agreeable terms for the acquisition of the Property for the sum of \$375,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this property acquisition will position the City to attract and support the development of new commercial uses, as well as community-serving uses to strengthen the local tax base, provide opportunities for economic growth, and support the continued revitalization of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute necessary conveyance documents to complete the transaction between the City and the Property Owner. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Whitehall, Franklin County, State of Ohio, of the elected members concurring that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary conveyance documents to acquire the Property for \$375,000, said Property with a physical address of 0 Etna Road, Whitehall, Franklin County, Ohio 43213, and identified as Franklin County Parcel No. 090-001820-00.

SECTION 2. Council further hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Economic Development Director, City Attorney, the Director of Finance, the Clerk of Council, or other appropriate officers of the City to take any other actions as may be appropriate to implement this Ordinance without further legislation being required.

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 the further reason that legal agreements have been reached and now agreements must be signed; 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

Requested and Prepared by: Jackie Russell, Director of Economic Development 10/13/2025
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 10/14/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2025

AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$375,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WIMPITE FUND 279 TO THE ETNA RD TIF EXPENSE ACCOUNT 279.000.50008 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 113-2025 authorized the Mayor to execute necessary conveyance documents to acquire property at 0 Etna Road, Franklin County parcels No. 090-001820-00, in the sum of \$375,000.00; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Whitehall City Council authorizes an appropriation to the Etna Rd. TIF Expense Account 279.000.50008 in the sum of \$375,000.00 from unappropriated monies in the WIMPITE Fund 279.

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 the further reason legal agreements have been reached and now payment is required; 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

Requested by: Steve Quincel, City Auditor

Prepared by: Jackie Russell, Economic Development Director

Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney *bsn* 10/14/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025

MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT GENERAL FUND (101) EXPENSES, STREET (201) EXPENSES AND STATE HIGHWAY MATERIALS (211) EXPENSES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN THE TOTAL SUM OF **FORTY-FOUR MILLION, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 31/100 (\$44,959,351.31)** AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, an annual appropriation ordinance is required to allow the Auditor and Treasurer of the City of Whitehall to pay the various salaries and expenses of the City, as well as establish monetary ceilings for various other funds and accounts for the preservation of the public property, health, peace, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary by law to pass the General Appropriation Ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: To provide for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Whitehall during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, the following sums are set aside and appropriated as follows:

COUNCIL

101.100.51000	COUNCIL SALARIES	\$	63,000.00
101.100.51200	CLERK OF COUNCIL	\$	71,745.00
101.100.52000	COUNCIL MISCELLANEOUS	\$	14,750.00
101.100.58314	COUNCIL TECH	\$	71,950.00
101.100.58010	COUNCIL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$	6,000.00
		\$	227,445.00

MAYOR

101.200.51000	MAYOR SALARY	\$	105,000.00
101.200.51100	MAYORS MAGISTRATE	\$	40,000.00
101.200.51351	SEASONAL INTERN	\$	35,000.00
101.200.51500	EXECUTIVE ASST TO MAYOR	\$	85,000.00
101.200.51700	COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	\$	70,000.00
101.200.52700	PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSE	\$	85,000.00
101.200.55000	MAYORS OFFICE MISC	\$	2,000.00
101.200.56100	COMMUNITY AFFAIRS EXPENSE ACCT	\$	152,000.00
101.200.56150	FOOD TRUCK AND FUN FESTIVAL	\$	300,000.00
101.200.58010	MAYOR TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$	10,000.00
101.200.58314	MAYOR TECH	\$	20,000.00
		\$	904,000.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

101.201.51200	DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	\$	114,000.00
101.201.51300	ECON DEV SPECIALIST	\$	76,100.00
101.201.51400	CHF BLD OFFICE	\$	109,436.00
101.201.51700	PERMIT SPECIALIST SALARY	\$	72,700.00
101.201.53010	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	\$	110,000.00
101.201.58010	ECON DEV TRAINING/CERTIFICATOIN	\$	10,000.00
101.201.58314	ECON DEV TECH	\$	41,000.00
		\$	533,236.00

MAYOR

101.202.51600	DIRECTOR OF IT	\$	113,000.00
101.202.51650	IT TECH SALARY	\$	223,000.00
101.202.51655	IT SECURITY SPECIALIST	\$	79,450.00
		\$	415,450.00

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MAYOR

101.203.51800	CT CLERK SALARY	\$ 85,700.00
101.203.51850	ASSISTANT CLERK OF COURTS	\$ 71,000.00
101.203.51900	DEPUTY CLERK OF CT	\$ 75,000.00
101.203.51950	COURT INTERPRETER	\$ 8,000.00
		\$ 239,700.00

MAYOR

101.204.51200	DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOODS	\$ 92,000.00
101.204.51300	ASS'T TO DIRECTOR OF NEIGHB	\$ 61,000.00
101.204.58010	TRAINING CERTIFICATION	\$ 7,500.00
101.204.58314	NEIGHBORHOODS TECH	\$ 5,000.00
		\$ 165,500.00

AUDITOR

101.300.51000	AUDITOR SALARY	\$ 100,000.00
101.300.51100	AUDTR ADM ASST	\$ 70,200.00
101.300.51110	SEASONAL INTERN	\$ 15,000.00
101.300.51200	DEP AUDTR SALARY	\$ 92,000.00
101.300.51300	ACCTG SPECIALIST	\$ 77,000.00
101.300.51450	PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 81,250.00
101.300.55000	AUDTR MISC	\$ 72,000.00
101.300.58010	AUDITOR TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$ 10,000.00
101.300.58314	AUDITOR TECH	\$ 150,000.00
		\$ 667,450.00

INC TAX OFFICE

101.350.51500	DT COMM SALARY	\$ 100,015.00
101.350.51800	INC TAX SALARIES	\$ 161,000.00
101.350.55000	INC TAX OFFC MISC	\$ 36,000.00
101.350.57000	INC TAX REFUNDS	\$ 2,000,000.00
		\$ 2,297,015.00

TREASURER

101.400.51000	TREAS SALARY	\$ 15,000.00
101.400.52000	TREAS OFF SPLY	\$ 200.00
101.400.58010	TREASURER TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 16,200.00

HUMAN RESOURCES

101.450.51000	HR DIRECTOR SALARY	\$ 102,500.00
101.450.51200	HR GENERALIST	\$ 69,000.00
101.450.52000	HR OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,000.00
101.450.52500	PRE-EMPLOYMENT MISC	\$ 58,000.00
101.450.52700	FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACCOUNTING	\$ 7,800.00
101.450.55000	HR TRAINING/EDUCATION SP	\$ 8,000.00
101.450.58314	HR TECH	\$ 32,800.00
		\$ 280,100.00

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025**ATTORNEY**

101.500.51000	ATTY'S SALARY	\$ 100,000.00
101.500.51011	AST CTY ATTY PT	\$ 89,000.00
101.500.51100	LEGAL ASST FT	\$ 83,000.00
101.500.51200	PT PROSECUTORS	\$ 100,000.00
101.500.51600	PARALEGAL	\$ 70,000.00
101.500.51800	DOMESTIC VIOL ADVOCATE	\$ 66,452.00
101.500.51900	DV ADV SUPPLY/MISC	\$ 1,300.00
101.500.52000	ATTY OFF SPLIS	\$ 6,000.00
101.500.56000	ATTY LAW LIBRARY	\$ 4,600.00
101.500.58010	ATTORNEY TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$ 9,000.00
101.500.58314	ATTORNEY TECH	\$ 15,000.00
101.500.58500	PUB DEFNDR ACCT	\$ 15,000.00
		\$ 559,352.00

SERVICE DIRECTOR

101.600.51000	DIR PUB SERVICE	\$ 115,600.00
101.600.51100	ASST CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 73,584.00
101.600.51200	SERVICE ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 26,000.00
101.600.51600	SEASONAL SERV STAFF PT	\$ 40,000.00
101.600.51650	ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 32,000.00
101.600.51800	ANIMAL CNTRL/AST CODE ENF	\$ 67,657.00
101.600.51850	ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSES	\$ 8,000.00
101.600.51900	FACILITIES MAINT TECHNICIAN	\$ 97,000.00
101.600.51950	FULL TIME CUSTODIAN	\$ 55,000.00
101.600.52000	SD OFF SPLIES	\$ 11,000.00
101.600.52100	UNIFORMS EXPENSE	\$ 3,500.00
101.600.53000	PLANNING COMM EXPENSE (MORPC)	\$ 30,000.00
101.600.58010	SERVICE TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$ 10,500.00
101.600.58314	SERVICE TECH	\$ 16,000.00
		\$ 585,841.00

PARK & REC

101.700.51000	REC DIR SALARY	\$ 120,000.00
101.700.51050	RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 75,000.00
101.700.51100	REC MAINT SALARY	\$ 414,227.84
101.700.51200	PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$ 128,622.40
101.700.51250	ACTIVE LIVING COORDINATOR	\$ 58,000.00
101.700.51500	STAFF PT	\$ 225,000.00
101.700.51550	SR ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 77,123.20
101.700.51600	PERS SERV/NON EMPLOYEE	\$ 3,000.00
101.700.52100	REC UNIFORMS ACCOUNT	\$ 11,500.00
101.700.55000	REC MISC	\$ 24,000.00
101.700.55100	FACILITY RENTALS	\$ 5,000.00
101.700.56000	REC NEW EQUIP	\$ 25,000.00
101.700.57000	REPEQ/JANEQ/SP	\$ 7,700.00
101.700.57100	SENIOR CITIZENS	\$ 31,000.00
101.700.58000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$ 8,000.00
101.700.58010	PARK & REC TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$ 7,300.00
101.700.58100	PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	\$ 50,000.00
101.700.58314	PARK & REC TECH	\$ 14,380.00
101.700.59000	REC/PARK FUND	\$ 280,000.00
		\$ 1,564,853.44

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025**PARK & REC**

101.750.54100	FAC MAINTENANCE	\$ 15,500.00
101.750.55000	WCP REFUNDS	\$ 1,500.00
		\$ 17,000.00

CIVIL SERVICE

101.800.51000	CSERV COMM SALARY	\$ 3,200.00
101.800.53000	CIVIL SERVICE TESTING & MISC	\$ 26,000.00
		\$ 29,200.00

EMPLOYEE RELATED

101.900.51000	LEGAL DEFENSE ACCT	\$ 159,000.00
101.900.51010	LABOR RELATIONS	\$ 45,000.00
101.900.51011	UNEMP COMPENSATION	\$ 20,000.00
101.900.51012	SERV CR PAY	\$ 128,750.00
101.900.51013	WRKRS COMPENSATION	\$ 330,000.00
101.900.51014	P E R S	\$ 1,305,010.00
101.900.51017	WELLNESS	\$ 40,000.00
101.900.51018	MANDATED HEALTH EXP	\$ 2,000.00
101.900.51022	EMPLOYER HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 185,000.00
101.900.51025	AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE ACT FEES	\$ 2,500.00
101.900.51200	SICK LEAVE BUYBACK	\$ 61,800.00
101.900.51250	PERSONAL LEAVE BUYBACK	\$ 87,550.00
101.900.51280	COMP TIME BUYBACK	\$ 82,400.00
101.900.51520	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 35,500.00
101.900.51530	LIFELOCK ACCOUNT	\$ 7,100.00
101.900.51540	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 150,000.00
101.900.51560	VISION INSURANCE	\$ 36,750.00
101.900.51600	POLICE & FIREMAN PENSION	\$ 3,000,000.00
101.900.51650	MEDICARE	\$ 262,650.00
101.900.51710	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 30,000.00
101.900.51800	AUTO MILEAGE EXPENSE	\$ 7,000.00
101.900.51825	BOARD/COMMIS MILEAGE/MISC	\$ 4,000.00
101.900.51850	PARKING FEES	\$ 2,500.00
101.900.51860	CREDIT MONITORING SERVICES	\$ -
		\$ 5,984,510.00

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BLDG RELATED

101.950.52000	POSTAGE	\$ 25,000.00
101.950.53100	BLDG EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,000.00
101.950.53200	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 1,000.00
101.950.53300	CITY HALL BLDG/LOT MAINT	\$ 50,000.00
101.950.53600	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$ 25,000.00
101.950.53700	NPDES	\$ 25,000.00
101.950.53800	UTILITY EXPENSE	\$ 600,000.00
101.950.53850	VEHICLE GAS	\$ 300,000.00
101.950.55000	GARBAGE & REFUSE COLLECTION	\$ 25,000.00
101.950.55100	RECORDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,180.00
101.950.56000	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$ 120,000.00
101.950.56500	INS & BONDS	\$ 250,000.00
101.950.57200	MUNI CT COST	\$ 12,360.00
101.950.58000	LEGAL ADVERTISING	\$ 3,800.00
101.950.58500	BD OF HEALTH FC	\$ 226,000.00
101.950.59000	ELECTION EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00
101.950.59400	PROP MAINTENANCE	\$ 83,000.00
101.950.59500	JUDGMNT & CLAIMS	\$ 1,500.00
101.950.59600	AUDITS & FEES	\$ 172,010.00
101.950.59610	MUNICIPAL NET PROFIT TAX FEES	\$ 618.00
101.950.59620	CREDIT CARD FEES ACCOUNT	\$ 8,500.00
101.950.59650	BANK FEES	\$ 7,725.00
101.950.59700	COMMUNITY NON PROFIT GRANT PROG	\$ 50,000.00
101.950.59750	YMCA PROGRAM AND MISC.	\$ 175,000.00
101.950.59800	WTR BRK REPAIR SERVICES	\$ 400,000.00
101.950.59850	PROPERTY ACQUISITION & MAINT	\$ 65,000.00
101.950.59900	CONTINGENCY EXPENSE	\$ 350,000.00
101.950.59990	FUND ADV EXPENSE	\$ 25,000.00
101.950.59999	TRANS EXP ACCT	\$ 7,631,425.23
		\$ 10,642,618.23

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025**POLICE DEPT**

101.960.51000	SAFE DIR SALARY	\$ 27,450.00
101.960.51200	POL SALARIES	\$ 7,182,508.00
101.960.51300	RADIO OPERATORS SALARY	\$ 827,478.80
101.960.51350	P/T CIV PROP ROOM	\$ 98,227.92
101.960.51355	CUSTODIAN FT SALARY	\$ 66,560.00
101.960.51400	DATA ANALYST	\$ 243,020.54
101.960.51420	POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON	\$ 27,300.00
101.960.51500	RECORD CLERKS' SALARIES	\$ 338,691.57
101.960.51550	SR ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 83,969.60
101.960.51600	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$ 67,600.00
101.960.51610	DRY CLEAN ALLOWANCE	\$ 33,480.00
101.960.51620	SPCL UNIFORM	\$ 38,000.00
101.960.51650	C & RO UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$ 8,220.00
101.960.51700	AUXILIARY UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$ 9,900.00
101.960.51900	SCHOOLS & SEMINARS	\$ 40,000.00
101.960.52000	OFF EQUIP & SUPPLIES	\$ 29,000.00
101.960.52500	PHOTO SUPPLIES	\$ 2,000.00
101.960.53000	EVENT SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00
101.960.54000	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 91,413.00
101.960.54100	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 6,020.00
101.960.54500	BLDG REP & MAINT	\$ 215,000.00
101.960.55000	MISC EXPENSE	\$ 188,224.00
101.960.55100	NEW HIRE CONTINGENCY	\$ 58,254.00
101.960.55500	AMMO SUPPLIES	\$ 64,725.00
101.960.56000	LEADS	\$ 7,200.00
101.960.57000	COMMUNITY POLICING	\$ 6,000.00
101.960.58314	POLICE TECH	\$ 736,485.21
101.960.59500	BOARDING OF PRISONERS	\$ 280,000.00
		\$ 10,786,727.64

FIRE DEPT

101.970.51000	FIREMENS' SALARIES	\$ 5,647,238.00
101.970.51400	SR ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 85,524.00
101.970.51500	COMM OPR CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 413,795.00
101.970.51600	SCHOOLS & SEMINARS	\$ 50,000.00
101.970.51900	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$ 83,600.00
101.970.52000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 6,000.00
101.970.53000	BLDG REP & MAINT	\$ 255,000.00
101.970.55000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 35,000.00
101.970.56800	REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 150,000.00
101.970.58010	FIRE TRAINING/CERTIFICATION	\$ 10,000.00
101.970.58314	FIRE TECH	\$ 40,000.00
101.970.58500	MED DIR/HLTH WELLNESS	\$ 81,713.00
101.970.59000	SERVICE CONTRACTS	\$ 60,680.00
101.970.59500	EMS ADMN/REFUNDS	\$ 8,000.00
		\$ 6,926,550.00

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025

SECTION 2: That there be and hereby is appropriated from the General Fund to the following accounts, to wit:

TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION

\$42,842,748.31

SECTION 3: That there by and hereby is appropriated from the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund (Motor Vehicle License and Gas Excise Tax and transfers to the Street Fund) the following:

Fund 201

201.000.51000	STREET DEPT STAFF	\$ 1,300,000.00
201.000.51500	PUBLIC SERV SUPER	\$ 113,603.00
201.000.51800	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$ 21,000.00
201.000.52000	STREET MATERIALS	\$ 50,000.00
201.000.52200	SEWER REPAIR	\$ 10,000.00
201.000.52500	GAS, OIL, ETC	\$ 25,000.00
201.000.53000	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 167,000.00
201.000.53500	SIGNALS/SIGNS	\$ 100,000.00
201.000.54000	REPAIRS OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000.00
201.000.54500	BLDG & LOT MAINTENANCE	\$ 250,000.00
201.000.56000	SEASONAL LABOR APPRENTICE PRGM	\$ 15,000.00
		\$ 2,066,603.00

SECTION 4: That there be and hereby is appropriated from the State Highway Fund (Motor Vehicle and Gas Excise Tax) the following:

Fund 211

211.000.51100	ST HWY MATERIAL & MISC	\$ 50,000.00
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GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDS 101, 201, AND 211

\$44,959,351.31

SECTION 5: That any sums which shall be expended from the above appropriation and which are a proper charge against any other department, or against any person or firm, or corporation, shall, if repaid within the period covered by such appropriation, be credited to the General Fund and require re-appropriation action by Council.

SECTION 6: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for the amounts appropriated and for the purposes stated in this Ordinance, upon receiving the proper certificates and vouchers therefore, approved by the officer authorized by law to approve the same or authorized by an ordinance or Resolution of Council to make the expenditures. The City Auditor and Treasurer are hereby specifically prohibited from drawing warrants and making payments in excess of amounts appropriated by Council.

SECTION 7: 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 the further reason funds are to be available for the operations of the City on January 1, 2026; WHEREFORE, This Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2025

AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SPECIAL REVENUE, INTERNAL SERVICE AND FIDUCIARY EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 IN THE TOTAL SUM OF THIRTY-SIX MILLION, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-TWO CENTS (\$36,174,599.22) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, an annual appropriation ordinance is required for Special Revenue, Internal Service, and Fiduciary Expense Accounts to allow the Auditor and Treasurer to pay expenses chargeable to these expense accounts, and;

WHEREAS, certain that these accounts will have deposits received directly or by transfer during the calendar year 2026, thereby requiring an appropriation before disbursement for the intended purpose and requiring that monies be appropriated at this this time; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: There is hereby appropriated from unencumbered monies and from monies to be received into these accounts during 2026 for the total sum as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
212.000.50020	ONE TIME STRATEGIC COME	\$ 365,000.00
212.000.50050	PD GRANT FUND CADET INT PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00
241.000.50000	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND	\$ 65,906.50
241.000.51000	LET SETASIDE FORFEITURE	\$ 30,000.00
241.000.51500	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 15,000.00
241.000.52000	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST K-9 EXPENSE	\$ 44,000.00
243.000.50000	DEPT OF JUSTICE	\$ 10,000.00
251.000.50000	MANDATORY DRUG FINE FUND	\$ 40,000.00
255.000.50010	STATE OF OHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT	\$ 6,120.27
256.000.50000	FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH GRANT	\$ 3,950.00
260.000.50000	PD TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 47,000.00
263.000.50000	INDIGENT DRVR INTERLOCK/ALC MONITORING	\$ 8,389.02
271.000.51000	YOUTH VIOLENCE GRANT EXP	\$ 18,157.67
279.000.50001	MAIN YEARLING INCENTIVE	\$ 1,602,000.00
279.000.50002	MAIN HAMILTON INCENTIVE	\$ 629,000.00
279.000.50003	T&C INCENTIVE	\$ 1,775,000.00
279.000.50004	HAMILTON BROAD INCENTIVE	\$ 45,000.00
279.000.50005	POTH ROAD INCENTIVE	\$ 99,000.00
279.000.50008	ETNA ROAD INCENTIVE	\$ 100,000.00
279.000.50009	90-339 HAMILTON/BROAD TIF	\$ 470,000.00
279.000.59600	TIF FEES	\$ 20,000.00
279.000.59999	WMPITIE TRANSFER	\$ 570,000.00
280.000.59600	PD LEVY AUDITS AND FEES	\$ 11,664.14
280.000.59999	TRANSFER EXP ACCT	\$ 1,400,000.00
290.000.50000	MYRS OFF COMP	\$ 5,000.00
290.000.52000	SPLIES/TRAINING	\$ 12,000.00
290.000.53000	EQUIP/PAYROLL	\$ 5,000.00
291.000.51000	CLK OF CT COMPUTERIZATION	\$ 21,000.00
295.000.52500	TOURISM	\$ 50,000.00
295.000.57500	ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT	\$ 75,000.00

301.000.50000	FIRE DEPT NEW EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 600,000.00
301.000.51000	EMS REFUNDS	\$ 22,248.00
302.000.50000	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$ 137,303.00
302.000.51000	EMS REFUNDS	\$ 7,416.00
305.000.50000	WATER SEWER MANDATE IMP	\$ 1,039,000.00
311.000.54000	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 550,000.00
312.000.54000	CAPITAL EQ REPLACEMENT	\$ 180,200.00
313.000.50000	FLEET RESERV & MAINT	\$ 300,000.00
313.000.55000	FLEET RESERVE - PD	\$ 367,000.00
314.000.50000	TECHNOLOGY ACCT	\$ 45,000.00
314.000.51000	IT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	\$ 624,075.00
315.000.50000	COMP LIFE CYCLE REP	\$ 181,520.00
316.000.50000	ECONOMIC DEV INCENTIVES/PLAN	\$ 2,300,000.00
322.000.53000	E BROAD ST IMPVMT PHASE 2	\$ 3,483,565.00
322.000.54000	E BROAD ST IMPVMT PHASE 3	\$ 3,725,335.00
324.000.50000	POLICE BUILDING RENO/ADD	\$ 1,000,000.00
325.000.50000	2024 WHITEHALL WATER MAIN	\$ 4,000,000.00
330.000.50000	CITY HALL RENOVATION	\$ 500,000.00
401.000.50000	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 4,000,000.00
505.000.51000	ACCRUED BENEFIT RESERVE ACCT	\$ 180,000.00
510.000.50000	UNCLAIMED FUNDS	\$ 38,356.62
511.000.50000	SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$ 2,500,000.00
550.000.53000	HOME REINVESTMENT PROGRAM	\$ 100,000.00
804.000.50000	INSPECTION DEPOSIT	\$ 125,000.00
810.000.50000	ENERGY PROJECT FUND EXPENSE	\$ 122,458.00
820.000.50000	FSA EXPENSE	\$ 50,000.00
820.000.51000	FSA ADMIN FEES	\$ 5,000.00
840.000.50000	SEWER UTILITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT	\$ 425,000.00
841.000.50000	WATER UTILITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,925,000.00
860.000.50000	RECREATION TRUST FUND	\$ 25,000.00
860.000.51000	YOUTH BASEBALL	\$ 71,435.00
		<u>\$ 36,174,599.22</u>

SECTION 2: 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 the further reason monies shall be appropriated before January 1, 2026 in order for the city to continue operating effectively and efficiently; 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

Requested and Prepared by: Michael Bivens, Mayor and Steven Quincel, Auditor

Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 11/12/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2025

ALLOWING A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER 1125.04 TO ALLOW DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 0 S. HAMILTON ROAD, PARCEL NUMBER 090-008433, PROPERTY OWNED BY WRIGHT PATT CREDIT UNION INC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council has received a new application from Wright Patt Credit Union, Inc for a special use permit to permit drive-through facilities on land located at 0 S. Hamilton Road; and

WHEREAS, Said request for a special permit was referred to the Planning Commission Case No. 901, which reported a _____ recommendation on said request; and

WHEREAS, Council has held a Public Hearing after due notice according to law; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: If development of the special permit use does not commence within a period of one year, the approval shall be voided unless an application for a specified time extension of six months is submitted to and granted by Council.

SECTION 2: 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 the further reason that the project is supported by and is in line with the goals of the Whitehall Works Comprehensive Development Blueprint adopted by City Council on July 16, 2019; 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 121-2025

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT AND 85/100 DOLLARS (\$77,648.85) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

WHEREAS, Ordinance 102-2024 appropriated monies for the purpose of repayment of the OPWC loans; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State requires bond retirement payments and other long-term debt be paid from the Debt Service Fund; 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 and makes a fund transfer in the amount of seventy-seven thousand six hundred forty-eight and 85/100 dollars (\$77,648.85) from unappropriated monies in the General Fund (101) to the Debt Service Fund (401).

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 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

ORDINANCE NO. 122-2025

APPROVING AND MAKING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 (\$141,620.00) FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

WHEREAS, bonds were issued on June 22, 2016 to purchase the Commons at Royal Landing, Streetscape Improvements and land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, bonds were issued on September 30, 2014 to make infrastructure improvements and purchase blighted property; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 102-2024 appropriated monies for the purpose of repayment of these bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State requires bond retirement payments and other long term debt be paid from the Debt Service Fund; Now, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall approves the following fund transfers:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
\$ 95,956.00	279.000.50001 Main Yearling Incentive	(401) Debt Service
\$ 8,008.00	279.000.50002 Main Hamilton Incentive	(401) Debt Service
\$ 2,402.40	279.000.50003 Town & Country Incentive	(401) Debt Service
\$ 32,450.80	279.000.50004 Hamilton Broad Incentive	(401) Debt Service
<u>\$ 2,802.80</u>	279.000.50005 Poth Road Incentive	(401) Debt Service
\$ 141,620.00		

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

SECTION 3: 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

Requested and prepared by: Chris Peterson, Deputy Auditor
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney BSN 11/14/25

ORDINANCE NO. 123 -2025

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 75/100 DOLLARS (\$13,651.75) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

WHEREAS, Ordinance 102-2024 appropriated monies for the purpose of repayment of long term debt for the Recreation Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State requires bond retirement payments and other long term be paid from the Debt Service Fund; 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 thirteen thousand six hundred fifty-one and 75/100 dollars (\$13,651.75) from unappropriated monies in the General Fund (101) to the Debt Service Fund (401)

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

Requested and prepared by: Chris Peterson, Deputy Auditor
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney BSN 11/14/25

ORDINANCE NO. 124 -2025

APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THREE DOLLARS AND 32/100 (\$456,623.32) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WATER UTILITY FUND (841) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).

WHEREAS, in 2024 the City borrowed funds for various waterline improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 102-2024 appropriated monies for the purpose of repayment; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State requires bond retirement payments and other long term debt to be paid from the Debt Service Fund; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall approves a fund transfer in the amount four hundred fifty six thousand six hundred twenty three dollars and 32/100 (\$456,623.32) from unappropriated monies in the Water Utility Fund (841) to the Debt Service Fund (401).

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. 125-2025

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND (211) TO THE STATE HIGHWAY MATERIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (211.000.51100).

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall Service Department is preparing for winter weather; and

WHEREAS, the Service Department would like to appropriate the necessary funds for the purpose of purchasing road salt; and

WHEREAS, these funds require legislative approval for appropriation by the Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio; and

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

SECTION 1: Approves and makes a supplemental appropriation of thirty-five thousand and no/100 dollars (\$35,000.00) from unappropriated monies in the State Highway Fund (211) to the State Highway Material and Miscellaneous expense account (211.000.51100).

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City 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

ORDINANCE NO. 126-2025

AUTHORIZING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$20,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE COBRA EXTENDED BENEFITS (501) TO THE COBRA EXPENSE ACCOUNT (501.000.50000).

WHEREAS, the City has received a COBRA refund from UMR; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to pay UMR fees for the administration of the employee healthcare; and

WHEREAS, it is advised by the Auditor to pay the UMR administration fees from the Cobra Extended Benefits Fund (501), 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 Cobra Extended Benefits Fund (501) to the Cobra Expense Account (501.000.50000) in the amount of twenty thousand and no/100 (\$20,000.00).

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. 127-2025

AMENDING PART ONE, TITLE FIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL: (1) ENACTING CHAPTER 168, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Administration engaged the firm of Clemans, Nelson & Associates to conduct a comprehensive study of City departments and operations; and

WHEREAS, to increase the effectiveness, efficiency, accessibility, and responsiveness of City government, this Council deems it necessary to establish an Office on Neighborhoods focused on resident engagement, neighborhood connectivity, collaboration, and resource coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Neighborhoods will foster strong partnerships, support community programming, elevate resident voices, expand access to City services, and encourage thriving, safe, and connected neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the unique neighborhoods of the City of Whitehall are vital community assets that, with intentional investment and coordinated support, will yield generational impact and continued community growth; and

WHEREAS, Whitehall City Charter Section 2(f) provides that Council has the authority, by Ordinance and upon two-thirds vote, to take such action; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That Part One, Title Five of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall be, and hereby is, amended by the enactment of Chapter 168, titled "Office on Neighborhoods," to read as follows:

168.01 OFFICE ON NEIGHBORHOODS.

(a) There is hereby established the Department of Neighborhoods, to be headed by a Director of Neighborhoods.

(b) The Department of Neighborhoods shall consist of a Director, Events and Advancement coordinator, and neighborhood advocates. This Department shall be responsible for management and coordination of neighborhood events, grants administration, and dissemination of information regarding services to enhance the lives of the residents of the City. The Department of Neighborhoods shall also have as its primary duty the function of strategic coordination of resources, collaboration of community stakeholders, resident engagement and implementation of programs with a focus towards breaking down silos and the encouragement of healthy, safe and vibrant neighborhoods. The Department of Neighborhoods shall perform all other lawful functions as directed by the Mayor or Ordinance of Council.

168.02. DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOODS.

(a) There is hereby established the position of Director of Neighborhoods, which shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Director shall serve at the pleasure of and may be removed by the Mayor. The Director shall perform such duties and work in such capacities as directed by the Mayor.

(b) The Director of the Office on Neighborhoods shall serve as a central coordinating party responsible for: Advancing resident engagement strategies and strengthening neighborhood relationships; Connecting residents to City resources, programs, services, and community partners; Supporting neighborhood-led initiatives, events, and programming; Coordinating cross-departmental collaboration to eliminate service gaps; Supporting equitable access to community investment, education, wellness, and quality of life initiatives; Managing resident communication, feedback, and neighborhood advocacy

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efforts; Supporting grant coordination and neighborhood capacity-building opportunities; and Performing all other lawful functions as directed by the Mayor or by Ordinance of Council.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure, immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare of the City of Whitehall, and for the further reason that the establishment of the Office on Neighborhoods will provide essential support, resources, and community coordination benefiting residents of the City.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon 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. 128-2025

AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AND SEVENTY-FOUR/DOLLARS (\$331,130.74) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WIMPITE FUND 279 TO THE ETNA RD TIF EXPENSE ACCOUNT 279.000.50008 AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$626,553.69) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE ECONOMIC DEV FUND 316 TO THE ECONOMIC DEV INCENTIVES/PLAN EXPENSE ACCOUNT 316.000.50000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City desires to remit a compensation payment to the Whitehall City School District for a total amount of \$957,684.43

WHEREAS, the City desires to appropriate funds from the applicable TIF Fund and a supplemental appropriation from the Economic Development Fund to make the compensation payment; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Whitehall City Council authorizes an appropriation to the Etna Rd. TIF Expense Account 279.000.50008 in the sum of \$331,130.74 from unappropriated monies in the WIMPITE Fund 279.

SECTION 2: The Whitehall City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Economic Development Incentives/Plan Expense Account 316.000.5000 in the sum of \$626,553.69 from unappropriated monies in the Economic Development Fund 316.

SECTION 3: 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 4: 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 the further reason that legal agreements have been reached and now payment is required; 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

RESOLUTION NO. 046 –2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR 494 SOUTH YEARLING ROAD AND 559 S ELAINE RD, PARCEL NUMBERS 090-004346-00 AND 090-004247, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase 494 S. Yearling Road AND 599 S. Elaine Rd, parcel numbers 090-004346-00 and 090-004247 for One (\$1) Dollar to complete the demolition of the properties; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract and sign all necessary documents associated with the transfer of 494 S. Yearling Road and 559 S. Elaine Rd.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare, and for the further reason that the deadline to submit for the Demolition Funds is November 26, 2025; WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into 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. 047-2025

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH CENTRAL OHIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (COCIC), TO APPLY AND RECEIVE DEMOLITION FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall is interested in the redevelopment of Yearling Rd within the City of Whitehall; and

WHEREAS, the site requires a significant amount of demolition work to be redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation is the lead entity for pursuing Demolition Funds through the State of Ohio; NOW, THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC).

SECTION 2: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare, and for the further reason that the deadline to submit for the Demolition Funds is November 26, 2025; WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into 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