



WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE LEGISLATION/ISSUES:

DRAFT # 1

ORDINANCE NO. 133-2025 (*Comm. Of the Whole – 1st Reading- SUSP & ADOPT 12-16-2025 –Dixon/*)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE THREE LEGISLATIVE CODE PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE WITH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council is vested with all legislative powers of the City; and

WHEREAS, to perform its duties, Council must maintain communications with persons and entities both within and external to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently prohibited Council from sending and receiving emails from outside entities; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: Whitehall Codified Ordinances are hereby amended, as follows:

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121.04 PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE WITH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(a) The City shall not impede, inhibit, or prohibit any communication between Council and any other person or entity, whether internal or external to the City.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits reasonable e-mail security measures regarding malware, spam, phishing, and other unsolicited emails that may be harmful to the City's e-mail system.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) City shall mean the City of Whitehall and shall include employees, elected officials, or agents thereof.

(2) Council shall mean Council as a body politic and shall include councilmembers, the President of Council, and the Clerk of Council.

(3) Communication shall mean written communication, whether delivered via in-person, US Mail, commercial carrier, electronically (e-mail), facsimile, online, or telephonic, or any other means of transmitting thoughts, ideas, or concerns, between persons or entities.

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 communications to and from Council shall not be prohibited.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

Requested and prepared by: Councilman Gerald Dixon
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 12/05/2025

DRAFT # 2

RESOLUTION NO. 049-2025 (Comm. Of the Whole – 1st Reading- SUSP & ADOPT 12-16-2025 –Brown/)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT ARPA CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINES ON E MAIN STREET.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development has grants available for community construction 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 Development in an amount of one million, three hundred thousand, five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,300,500); and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall will use this grant to replace aging waterlines along E Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall is not required to provide any matching funds or in-kind services 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 ODOD ARPA Construction Grant in an amount of one million, three hundred thousand, five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,300,500).

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.

Requested and Prepared by: Casey Rowlands, Director of Public Service
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn/ 12/05/2025

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2025 (Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd Reading- ADOPT 12-16-2025 –Harcar/Elmore)
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 EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 31/100** (~~\$44,959,351.31~~ **44,986,351.31**) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2025 (*Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd Reading- ADOPT 12-16-2025 –Dixon/Brown*)
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. 127-2025 (*Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd Reading- ADOPT 12-16-2025 –Brown/Harcar*)
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.

RESOLUTION NO. 048-2025 (*Comm. Of the Whole – 3rd Reading- ADOPT 12-16-2025 –Dixon/Morrison*)
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH
WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 129-2025 (*Comm. Of the Whole.-2nd reading- SUSP & ADOPT- 12-16-2025-
Dixon/Harcar*)
AMENDING ORDINANCE 003-2025; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES
TO 161.38 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2025 (*Comm. Of the Whole.-2nd reading- SUSP &ADOPT- 12-16-2025-
Brown/Harcar*)
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF WHITEHALL 161 TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - CHAIRPERSON ELMORE

Members: Morrison, Smith and Brown

DRAFT # 3

ORDINANCE NO. 134-2025 (*Adm.& Fin. Mgmt.-1st reading- SUSP & ADOPT 12-16-2025- Elmore/
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AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$12,800.00) FROM
UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE COMP TIME BUYBACK
ACCOUNT (101.900.51280).

WHEREAS, employees can earn comp time instead of overtime for the hours worked beyond 40 hours; and

WHEREAS, this time can be used for time off or sold back to the City; and

WHEREAS: the account needs additional funds to continue buying back comp time; and

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

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

SECTION 1: Authorizes and approves a supplemental appropriation of twelve thousand eight hundred and no/100 (\$12,800.00) from unappropriated funds in the General Fund (101) to the Comp Buyback Account (101.900.51280)

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.

Requested and prepared by: Chris Peterson, Deputy Auditor
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney, bsn 12/05/2025

DRAFT # 4

RESOLUTION NO. 050-2025 (*Adm. & Fin. Mgmt.-1st reading- SUSP & ADOPT 12-16-2025- Elmore/*
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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.

Requested and Prepared by: Steven Quincel, City Auditor
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 12/05/2025

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 128-2025 (*Adm. & Fin. Mgmt.-3rd reading- ADOPT 12-16-2025- Elmore/Morrison*)
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.

COMMUNITY AND ELDER ADVOCACY– CHAIRPERSON HARCAR

Members: Heck, Dixon, Brown

No drafts or pending legislation.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT – CHAIRPERSON SMITH

Members: Dixon, Elmore & Harcar

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 131-2025 (*Comm. Stand & Enf.-2nd reading- SUSP & ADOPT- 12-16-2025-Smith/Dixon*)
AMENDING SECTION 1303, TITLED “ADMINISTRATION AND PERMITS” OF THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TO UPDATE THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHAIRPERSON DIXON

Members: Smith, Morrison, Brown

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2025 (*Econ. Dev.-3rd reading- ADOPT- 12-16-2025-Dixon/Smith*)
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.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES - CHAIRPERSON BROWN

Members: Morrison, Dixon, and Heck

No drafts or pending legislation.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON MORRISON

Members: Elmore, Heck, Harcar

No drafts or pending legislation.

PARKS AND RECREATION – CHAIRPERSON HECK

Members: Elmore, Harcar, Smith

No drafts or pending legislation.

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