



WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber at City Hall by President Pro Tem Larry Morrison

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Amy Harcar Mike Adkins Brian McCann Gerald Dixon Devin Brown Lori Elmore Larry Morrison

DISCUSSION:

The City Council Presidency

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 4, 2026 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Michael T. Bivens – Business Recognition

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Elmore

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Harcar

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson McCann

Economic Development – Chairperson Dixon

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services – Chairperson Brown

Public Safety – Chairperson Morrison

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Adkins

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Michael T. Bivens

City Auditor Shaquille Alexander

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus

Treasurer Janell Luke

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg

Director of Neighborhoods Gerald Wright

President Pro Tem Larry Morrison

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 064-2026

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1101.06 OF THE 2023 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4870 POTH ROAD, PARCEL NUMBERS 090-008399 and 090-007555, FROM COMMUNITY CROSSROADS DISTRICT (CCD), TO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (INDD), PROPERTY OWNED BY THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 065-2026

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ORDINANCE NO. 066-2026

AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE TO LIMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF GASOLINE STATIONS.

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:

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ORDINANCE NO. 066-2026

AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE TO LIMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF GASOLINE STATIONS.

SECOND READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2026

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ASSOCIATED PLUMBING & HYDRONIC CONTRACTORS (APHC) OF CENTRAL OHIO, OR A DESIGNEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE WHITEHALL CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2026

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

ORDINANCE NO. 078-2026

AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS OF 161.09(A) VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDIT

CARRYOVER 161.09(8) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING A HIGHLY QUALIFIED
EMPLOYEE TO THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2026

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 080-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE 003-2025; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES TO 161.38 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 081-2026

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100
(\$500,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE
TRUST FUND (511), AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE SAME
AMOUNT TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
(511.000.50000).

ORDINANCE NO. 082-2026

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND
DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$4,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FUND (101)
TO ACCOUNT 101.900.51825 BOARD/COMMIS MILEAGE/MISC.

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2026

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE
REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 036-202

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A
“COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK” GRANT (CDBG) FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2026

RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES.

RESOLUTION NO. 038-2026

RESOLVING TO CENSURE COUNCILMAN DIXON FOR CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF A
MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

POLL PUBLIC:

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

POLL COUNCIL: HARCAR; ADKINS; MCCANN; DIXON; BROWN; ELMORE;
MORRISON

ADJOURN

Council Meeting

August 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

President Pro Tem Morrison called the Tuesday, August 4, 2026, agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: August 18, 2026

Larry Morrison, President Pro Tem

City Council Meeting

August 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. He began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Councilor Elmore, Councilor Morrison, Councilor Harcar, Councilor Adkins, Councilor McCann, Councilor Dixon, and Councilor Brown.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were presented for approval: July 7, 2026 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes; July 14, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes; July 21, 2026 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes; July 28, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes; and July 28, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by Councilor Dixon and seconded by Councilor Adkins. The motion carried 7-0.

Standing Committee Reports

Administration and Financial Management

Chairperson Elmore reported that the Administration and Financial Management Committee met the previous week, that minutes are on file, and that several pieces of legislation appear on the evening's agenda. The committee will meet the following Tuesday again at 6:30 PM.

Community and Elder Advocacy

Chairperson Harcar reported that the Community and Elder Advocacy Committee met the previous week, that minutes are on file, that no legislation is pending this evening, and that the committee will meet the following Tuesday after 6:30 PM.

Community Standards and Enforcement

Chairperson McCann reported that the Community Standards and Enforcement Committee met the previous Tuesday, that minutes are on file, that no legislation is currently pending, and that the committee will meet again the following Tuesday around 6:30 PM.

Economic Development

Chairperson Dixon reported that the Economic Development Committee met the previous week, that minutes are on file, and that four pieces of legislation appear on the agenda for the evening, all by title only. The committee will meet the following week after 6:30 PM in the council chambers.

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services

Chairperson Brown reported that the Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services Committee met the previous week and that minutes are on file. Councilor Brown noted that the Public Service Department and the administration continue to move forward with completing the Broad Street project. Councilor Brown also announced the launch of the "Whitehall Ward Waste Wars" initiative, informing the public

that signature collection has begun and that a sign-up sheet is available at City Hall. Residents wishing to participate may sign up either as occasional volunteers or as organizers by contacting their representatives or Councilor Brown directly. The committee will meet the following Tuesday again at 6:30 PM.

Public Safety

Chairperson Morrison reported that the Public Safety Committee also met the previous week, that minutes are on file, and that the committee will meet again the following Tuesday after 6:30 PM.

Parks and Recreation

Chairperson Adkins reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met the previous week, that no legislation is pending this evening, that minutes are on file, and that the committee will meet again sometime after 6:30 PM the following Tuesday.

Officials' Reports

Mayor Michael T. Bivens

Mayor Michael T. Bivens addressed the Council and the public, framing his remarks around the theme "together we're building something exceptional." He offered the following updates:

Infrastructure: Mayor Bivens noted that since taking office, the City has invested nearly \$48,000,000 in road and infrastructure improvements, including curbs, gutters, and underground sewer work. He highlighted that work on Doney Street — approximately three-quarters of a mile from Yearling to Robinwood — is now underway, representing an additional \$1,200,000 investment.

Federal Sidewalk Grant: Mayor Bivens announced that the city secured over \$1,000,000 in federal funding for new sidewalks throughout Whitehall. He indicated that Director Rowlands would be facilitating a public input process to inform where those sidewalks are placed, and encouraged residents to look forward to that engagement opportunity.

DLA Weapons Support: Mayor Bivens formally congratulated the installation formerly known as DLA Land and Maritime, which was officially deactivated on July 24 and reactivated as DLA Weapons Support. He noted that the installation now combines operations with both the Whitehall and Richmond locations to support the warfighter, and expressed the city's strong support for veterans, active duty service members, and the installation's presence in Whitehall.

Workforce and Wellness Pavilion: Mayor Bivens thanked the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for funding the Workforce and Wellness Pavilion grant for a third consecutive year. He reported that this year's food truck festival drew over 15,000 attendees — the highest in the program's history. A notable data point from the workforce side was that plumbing emerged as one of the highest-demand job fields sought by attendees. On the wellness side, Mayor Bivens reported that two individuals at the festival were identified during health screenings — including blood pressure and glucose monitoring — and were immediately directed to seek medical intervention, underscoring the life-saving value of the program.

Development and School Growth: Mayor Bivens shared that over the past five to six years; new development in Whitehall has added only 177 students to Whitehall City Schools. Of the 3,444 currently enrolled students, only 77 are from new developments. He stated that the administration is committed to pacing development in a manner consistent with school capacity, and will continue to prioritize this metric in future development decisions.

Councilor Elmore thanked Mayor Bivens for providing the school enrollment data, noting that residents frequently ask about the impact of development on local schools and that transparency in this area is critical to sound economic development policy.

City Auditor Shaquille Alexander

City Auditor Alexander was not present.

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus

City Attorney Nicodemus was not present.

Treasurer

The Treasurer position remains vacant.

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands

Director Rowlands provided an update on the Seasonal Labor Apprentice Program (SLAP), recognizing the two returning student participants: Eric Valdez Estrada and Zhymeer Giles, both in their second year with the program. Director Rowlands also thanked crew mentors Mark Stewart, Paul Foster, Tommy White, and Tyler Bowen for providing the students with valuable hands-on experience and for supporting daily operations. Director Rowlands noted that the students contributed to several community events, including setup and teardown for the Fourth of July fireworks. She asked for favorable consideration of Ordinances 073-2026 and 074-2026.

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell

Director Russell indicated that she did not have an official report for the evening and asked for favorable consideration of Resolution No. 034-2026.

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg

Director Gregg was not present.

Director of Neighborhoods Gerald Wright

Director Wright was not present.

President Pro Tem Larry Morrison

President Pro Tem Morrison noted that no official reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting.

Communications, Petitions, and Claims

No communications, petitions, or claims have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting.

Poll Public

President Pro Tem Morrison noted a written public comment submitted by Ward 1 resident Jeff Thoburn regarding the city's deer management efforts. Councilor Dixon read the submission into the record on Mr. Thoburn's behalf.

Mr. Thoburn's comments referenced the December 2024 introduction of a nuisance deer management ordinance that proposed allowing residents to bow hunt deer on private property, which was subsequently tabled at the January 2025 reading at Councilor Elmore's own request — a decision Mr. Thoburn characterized as appropriate. He raised concerns that the only concrete action since then has been Ordinance No. 049-2026, which bans the feeding of deer, and argued that such a measure is insufficient. Citing Worthington, Ohio as a comparable case study, Mr. Thoburn noted that Worthington's own deer management report concluded that feeding bans function more as an educational gesture than as an effective population control tool. He urged the Council to consider a structured, professional culling program using trained marksmen, similar to the one Worthington implemented, which removed approximately 100 deer and donated thousands of pounds of venison to local food banks. Mr. Thoburn emphasized that the deer population in his neighborhood has grown

from approximately six in 2025 to nine in the current year and cautioned that inaction would result in continued growth.

Verification of Copies

Roll call was conducted to verify that each member of Council received copies of all agenda items, including any add-on legislation, prior to the meeting.

All members confirmed receipt.

Third Reading

No legislation was presented for Third Reading.

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 064-2026 (Title Only)

Ordinance No. 064-2026 was read by title only: an ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Whitehall to rezone property located at 4870 Poth Road (Parcel Nos. 090-008399 and 090-007555) from Community Crossroads District (CCD) to Industrial District (INDD), property owned by the Whitehall Community Improvement Corporation, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 065-2026 (Title Only)

Ordinance No. 065-2026 was read by title only: an ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Whitehall to rezone property located at 265 North Hamilton Road (Parcel No. 090-008397) from Community Crossroads District (CCD) to Industrial District (INDD), property owned by BCORE Defender OH1M05 LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 066-2026 (Title Only)

Ordinance No. 066-2026 was read by title only: an ordinance amending the Planning and Zoning Code to limit the construction or operation of gasoline stations.

First Reading

Ordinance No. 073-2026

Ordinance No. 073-2026 was introduced: an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 129-2025, authorizing and approving changes to Section 161.38, and declaring an emergency.

Director Rowlands provided context for Ordinances No. 073-2026 and No. 074-2026, describing them as a package. She explained that the city has hired an additional code enforcement officer, Mike, who is scheduled to begin the following Monday. Ordinance No. 073-2026 updates the city's salary table to allow for future salary advancement, while Ordinance No. 074-2026 addresses the supplemental appropriation needed to fund two officer salaries — the new hire and the remaining balance of the current officer's salary through his retirement.

Motion to suspend all rules on Ordinance No. 073-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor McCann. The motion carried 7–0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 073-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor McCann. The motion carried 7–0.

Ordinance No. 074-2026

Ordinance No. 074-2026 was introduced: an ordinance authorizing and approving a supplemental appropriation of \$80,000.00 from unappropriated monies in the General Fund to the Code Enforcement Salaries Account (101.600.51100), and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend all rules on Ordinance No. 074-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Brown. The motion carried 7–0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 074-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Brown. The motion carried 7–0.

Ordinance No. 075-2026

Ordinance No. 075-2026 was introduced: an ordinance authorizing appropriation transfers totaling \$30,000.00, consisting of \$15,000.00 from the Assistant to the Director of Neighborhoods Expense Account (101.204.51300) and \$15,000.00 from the Safety Director Salary Expense Account (101.960.51000), to the City Planner Expense Account (101.209.51500), and declaring an emergency.

Councilor Elmore noted that City Auditor Alexander had already explained the breakdown of the \$15,000 transfers at the previous committee meeting and that all members were briefed accordingly.

Motion to suspend all rules on Ordinance No. 075-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by President Pro Tem Morrison. The motion carried 7–0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 075-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by President Pro Tem Morrison. The motion carried 7–0.

Resolution No. 034-2026 (Title Only)

Resolution No. 034-2026 was read by title only: a resolution authorizing the execution of a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the City of Whitehall and the Associated Plumbing & Hydronic Contractors (APHC) of Central Ohio, or a designee, and declaring an emergency.

Poll Public

No members of the public came forward to speak during the second public comment period.

Community Date Board

Councilor Harcar reported that no formal items were submitted to the Community Date Board but noted that the evening was National Night Out, which was underway at the park and appeared to be off to a strong start. Councilor Harcar highlighted the continued success of the Parks and Recreation Department's events this summer, including Music in the Park scheduled for August 2, and encouraged residents to attend.

Mayor Bivens announced that October 18, 2026, would be the inaugural Founders Day for the City of Whitehall, to be held at Whitehall Community Park.

Jack Long, representing the Whitehall Historical Society, provided additional details about the Founders Day event. The event is planned from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 18th and will feature a car show organized in conjunction with C Town (Shawn Sanders), three food trucks, a beer garden, live music by John Schwab and Molly Paulkin, and children's activities including bounce houses. Mr. Long indicated that community organizations are being invited to host informational booths. He also

described plans for an indoor historical presentation prepared by the Society's vice president, covering Whitehall's history from its Indigenous roots through the post-World War II population expansion. Mr. Long noted the Whitehall Historical Society meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at the historical house in the city park.

Several Council members responded positively. Councilor Brown expressed enthusiasm and thanked the Historical Society for its continued preservation work. Councilor McCann indicated his interest in the Underground Railroad history connected to Whitehall. Councilor Dixon recalled personally interviewing the wife of a former Whitehall mayor — Mayor Walter Moling — as a teenager for a school speech and shared that he has donated a matchbook collection featuring long-gone Whitehall establishments to the Historical Society. Mayor Bivens and Mr. Long also discussed a lighthearted proposal to have attendees dress in 1940s attire, including zoot suits, in keeping with the era being celebrated.

President Pro Tem Morrison noted for the record that the extended remarks from Mr. Long were given under the Community Date Board portion of the agenda and not subject to the three-minute public comment rule.

Poll Council

Councilor Elmore thanked all in attendance and those listening remotely, commended Mayor Bivens and his staff for their ongoing efforts to secure grant funding and advance city projects, and briefly addressed two administrative matters: upcoming interviews for the vacant Treasurer position and the ongoing process to fill the vacant Council President seat. Councilor Elmore emphasized the importance of transparency in the vacancy-filling process and the need to be attentive to residents' expectations.

President Pro Tem Morrison thanked those in attendance for their patience and noted that the information shared during the evening was helpful to the community. He encouraged residents to have a safe week.

Councilor Harcar thanked the attendees and echoed appreciation for Mayor Bivens' health screening data from the food truck festival, noting that the life-saving outcomes of those wellness screenings underscore the value of such community programming.

Councilor Adkins thanked those present, extended an invitation from Mr. Long for the Founders Day event, and indicated he would attempt to attend National Night Out after the conclusion of the meeting.

Councilor McCann thanked those in attendance, announced a Community Conversation event scheduled for Thursday at 6:30 PM at New Life Church, and invited all Whitehall residents to participate in an informal, positive dialogue. Councilor McCann also noted the interesting parallel between the mayor's workforce data on plumbing demand and the forthcoming Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with the plumbing contractors' association. He expressed interest in participating in the Whitehall Ward Waste Wars initiative. Additionally, Councilor McCann formally requested that consideration be given to rescheduling the Council meeting in the week of next year's National Night Out to a Wednesday so that Council members could more easily attend the community event.

Councilor Dixon thanked all present and expressed support for the addition of a second code enforcement officer, acknowledging that the current officer carries a significant workload. He reflected on his personal connection to Whitehall's history and reiterated his support for the Whitehall Historical Society.

Councilor Brown thanked the mayor and his administration for continued grant procurement efforts, and recognized City Auditor Alexander's initiative in establishing a college fund for residents — noting that this type of investment in the next generation is meaningful to the community. Councilor Brown addressed a question raised before the meeting regarding his residency, clearly stating for the public record that he has never lived in Grove City, that he has lived in Whitehall since 2021, and has served

in various roles since 2023. He expressed pride in the community and encouraged a forward-looking, constructive approach to civic engagement, referencing the city's experience with the recent recall process as an opportunity to define the community's values. Councilor Brown also noted that he had extended an invitation to another Council member to hold a joint community conversation, which was declined, but expressed hope for continued dialogue.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, President Pro Tem Morrison adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: August 18, 2026

Larry Morrison, President Pro Tem

City of Whitehall

City Council Special Meeting

August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Larry Morrison called the Whitehall City Council Special Meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Whitehall, US, on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

Roll Call

Clerk Ogg conducted roll call.

Present: President Pro Tem Larry Morrison, Councilor Amy Harcar, Councilor Mike Adkins, Councilor Brian McCann, Councilor Gerald Dixon, Councilor Devin Brown

Absent: Councilor Lori Elmore (excused). (Councilor Elmore arrived at 6:28 PM)

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Councilor Dixon and seconded by Councilor McCann. The motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session

President Pro Tem Morrison announced that the Council would adjourn to executive session pursuant to R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) to interview candidates for the appointment to the unexpired term of the Office of City Treasurer.

An initial motion to adjourn to executive session was raised; however, the Clerk advised that the motion needed to specifically name the candidates to be invited into the session to be procedurally proper.

Councilor Dixon restated the motion, identifying the candidates to be interviewed as Janelle Luke and Dan Miller.

Motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) to interview candidates — Janelle Luke and Dan Miller — for the appointment to the unexpired term of the Office of City Treasurer was made by Councilor Dixon and seconded by Councilor McCann.

The motion carried 6-0.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 6:05 PM.

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 6:43 PM.

Dan Miller was absent from his scheduled interview.

Motion to Appoint to the Unexpired Term of Treasurer

Councilor McCann made a motion to appoint Janell Luke to the unexpired term of City Treasurer for the City of Whitehall. Councilor Mike Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn

Having no further business before this Council, President Pro Tem Morrison adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: August 18, 2026

Larry Morrison, President Pro Tem

City of Whitehall

City Council Committee Meeting

August 11, 2026 Minutes

Administration/Council of the Whole Matters

President Pro Tem Morrison opened the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

Committee of the Whole Legislation/Issues

Draft No. 1

Ordinance No. 076-2026

An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the Whitehall Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

Clerk of Council Julie Ogg explained that the replacement pages, which are typically updated in May, were delayed until July this cycle, with the next update anticipated in March of the following year. She noted that the changes are itemized and would be reflected in the online-codified ordinances within two to three business days.

City Attorney Brad Nicodemus provided broader context, explaining that the City contracts with American Legal Publishing to keep local ordinances — particularly the Traffic Code — synchronized with the Ohio Revised Code. He illustrated the practical necessity of this alignment: where a city's local traffic code differs from state law, the city is required to post those differences at its entrances to provide notice to drivers. The example he cited was U-turns, which are not prohibited under state law, necessitating signage throughout the city. He further noted that when state law changes through the General Assembly, local codes must be updated accordingly to maintain enforcement authority.

In response to questions from Councilor Dixon regarding the specific rationale for individual additions — such as a "bicycle box" — Councilor Harcar clarified that a bicycle box is a painted area at a signalized intersection allowing cyclists to wait in front of vehicles during a red light, as defined under Ohio traffic law. City Attorney Nicodemus noted that while he does not review every change individually, there are specific provisions — such as driving under suspension sentencing — where the city has previously chosen to maintain language different from the state code, and those instances do receive closer review. Councilor Elmore offered the forthcoming LinkUs rapid transit project on Main Street as a relevant local example of why maintaining uniformity with state traffic code is important.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 076-2026 will be made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 2

Ordinance No. 077-2026

Authorizing Exemptions of §161.09(A) Vacation and Sick Leave Credit Carryover for the Purpose of Employing a Highly Qualified Employee to the City of Whitehall and Declaring an Emergency — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

President Pro Tem Morrison noted that Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell had distributed an explanatory email regarding this ordinance. He explained that Council has approved similar exemptions in the past as a tool to attract experienced candidates who would otherwise forgo accrued leave benefits by joining the City. Director Russell confirmed that this ordinance pertains to a

new Facilities Maintenance Laborer with seven years of prior public service experience. Councilor Harcar noted that a similar accommodation was made for Director Russell upon her own hiring.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 077-2026 will be made by Councilor Harcar and seconded by Councilor Brown. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 3

Ordinance No. 078-2026

Authorizing Exemptions of §161.09(A) Vacation and Sick Leave Credit Carryover for the Purpose of Employing a Highly Qualified Employee to the City of Whitehall and Declaring an Emergency — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

This ordinance is substantively identical to Draft No. 2 but applies to a new Code Enforcement Officer with nine years of prior public service experience. Councilor Dixon noted that both he and Councilor McCann had been advocates for filling this position and expressed a desire to introduce the legislation.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 078-2026 will be made by Councilor McCann and seconded by Councilor Dixon. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 4

Ordinance No. 079-2026

Authorizing and Approving an Amendment to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall §161 Table of Authorized Personnel for Fiscal Year 2026 and Declaring an Emergency — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

Director Russell indicated that this ordinance reflects the creation of an IT Network Administrator position within the Department of Information Technology. She offered to follow up with Director of IT Michael Isaac to confirm the specific personnel changes. Councilor Dixon noted that supporting documentation provided by Director Isaac stated that the creation of this role is "budget neutral and financially strategic," as it would be fully funded by absorbing salary from an unfilled IT Technician vacancy and by eliminating costly third-party vendor contracts.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 079-2026 will be made by Councilor Harcar and seconded by Councilor Dixon. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 5

Ordinance No. 080-2026

Amending Ordinance 003-2025; Authorizing and Approving the Following Changes to §161.38 and Declaring an Emergency — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

This ordinance amends the salary schedule to establish the pay range for the newly created IT Network Administrator position (hourly rate of \$36.06 to \$45.67). Councilor Dixon sought clarification regarding an asterisked entry in the salary schedule. President Pro Tem Morrison and Director Russell confirmed that the asterisk associated with the "Prosecutor Part-Time" entry appeared to be a typographical error and was not indicative of any substantive change to that position.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 080-2026 will be made by Councilor Morrison and seconded by Councilor Harcar. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 6

Resolution No. 035-2026

Approving the Recommendations of the City of Whitehall Tax Incentive Review Council for Tax Year 2025 — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell explained that this resolution is an annual requirement following the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) board review. She reported strong overall compliance among all participating companies for tax year 2025, with all entities meeting payroll, job number, and investment benchmarks. Two companies received conditional recommendations, requiring them to join the Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce within the coming year, which the City intends to facilitate.

Motion to introduce Resolution No. 035-2026 will be made by Councilor Brown and seconded by Councilor McCann. The resolution was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 7

Resolution No. 036-2026

Authorizing and Approving the Mayor to Apply for and Accept a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from Franklin County and Declaring an Emergency — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

Director Russell explained that the City intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Franklin County to fund the relocation and partial burial of electric utility poles at the corner of Broad Street and Hamilton Road. She noted that the City has already completed AEP engineering design work, which calls for burying the utility lines under Hamilton Road via a boring method and relocating the poles to the opposite side of the roadway, thus clearing the high-traffic corner of above-ground utilities. The total project cost is approximately \$500,000, and the grant would be structured to cover this amount in full, making the project cost-neutral to the City. Director Russell indicated that Franklin County is moving CDBG funds into an infrastructure category and that the City's project qualifies under economic development and housing criteria.

With respect to timeline, Director Russell stated that the City aims to begin construction on or around October 1, 2026, with a worst-case start of mid-October. She noted that the burial component carries a lead time of up to six months, potentially extending into early 2027, while the above-ground pole removal would follow thereafter. A construction sequencing meeting is planned to coordinate with the development team and minimize traffic impacts, which the City committed to communicating publicly as details are finalized.

Councilor Elmore expressed general support for the concept of underground utility work given the storm conditions experienced that day, while Councilor Harcar sought and received clarification that the grant funds are restricted exclusively to this infrastructure project. Councilor Brown inquired about the potential applicability of the CDBG program to other city infrastructure needs in future cycles, to which Director Russell indicated she would monitor available funding categories going forward.

Motion to introduce Resolution No. 036-2026 will be made by Councilor Brown and seconded by Councilor Adkins. The resolution was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Council President Vacancy — Discussion

Councilor Harcar raised a matter of public concern regarding the vacant Council President position and the absence of a public application process. City Attorney Nicodemus acknowledged that he had asked Council to refrain from taking action at the prior meeting pending his investigation into whether discussions related to the vacancy may have constituted an open meetings violation. He indicated that

he expected to conclude that investigation by the end of the week, having two to three remaining interviews to conduct.

Attorney Nicodemus provided relevant legal context on two questions raised during the discussion. First, he clarified that if an open meetings violation were found and a formal action had resulted from it, that action would be invalid. The standard remedy in such cases would be the creation and adoption of meeting minutes for the subject meeting, which would then become part of Council's official record. Second, in response to a question from Councilor Harcar, Attorney Nicodemus advised that a Council member wishing to be appointed to the Council President position should abstain from voting on their own nomination, distinguishing the Whitehall charter situation — where the Council President is a separately elected position with a distinct term and higher compensation — from the Ohio Ethics Commission's 2021 opinion, which had addressed a different statutory framework.

Attorney Nicodemus noted that September 20, 2026, represents the deadline by which Council must act — approximately 40 days from the meeting date — before the appointment authority would shift to the Mayor. He further clarified that posting the position for public application is within the administrative prerogative of the President Pro Tem and does not require a formal vote of Council, though Council could compel the action by vote if preferred.

Councilor Brown and Councilor Harcar each expressed the view that the position should be publicly posted for applications as had been done for other vacancies, including Council seats and the Treasurer position, in the interest of transparency. President Pro Tem Morrison indicated his preference to await the conclusion of the attorney's investigation before proceeding, meaning any formal direction would be taken up at the next regular meeting. Several members expressed concern that delaying the posting unnecessarily reduced the time available for the application and interview process. No formal action was taken, as the committee meeting is not a voting session.

Standing Committees

Administration and Financial Management

Chairperson Elmore opened: 7:46 PM | Closed: 7:49 PM

Draft No. 8

Ordinance No. 081-2026

Authorizing the Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from the General Fund (101) to the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund (511), and Making a Supplemental Appropriation of the Same Amount to Account 511.000.50000 — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

Councilor Elmore explained that the City's self-funded employee health insurance program has experienced elevated claims activity, necessitating a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund to ensure the continued and uninterrupted payment of medical claims through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 081-2026 will be made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Draft No. 9

Ordinance No. 082-2026

Making a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$4,000.00 from Unappropriated Monies in Fund 101 to Account 101.900.51825 — Board/Commissions Mileage/Miscellaneous — 1st Reading, Adoption 08/18/2026

Councilor Elmore explained that mileage reimbursement and incidental expenses for members of the City's boards and commissions have exceeded the level anticipated at the time of the annual

appropriation, and this supplemental appropriation is necessary to cover obligations through the end of the fiscal year.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 082-2026 will be made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor McCann. The ordinance was advanced for adoption on August 18, 2026.

Community and Elder Advocacy

Chairperson Harcar opened: 7:50 PM | Closed: 8:09 PM

No drafts or pending legislation were before this committee.

Councilor Harcar expressed gratitude to City crews and utility workers responding to that day's severe storm, urging residents to treat out traffic signals as four-way stops and to be patient with workers in the field. She raised concern about food insecurity among residents who had lost refrigerated food due to power outages and noted she was in contact with Director of Neighborhoods to identify available resources, including local food pantries such as the Center of Hope and Holy Spirit Church. She also referenced a planned initiative to provide live captioning of Council proceedings to improve accessibility for residents who are deaf or hearing impaired, noting she hoped to have a demonstration ready for the next committee meeting.

Councilor Brown noted that Mid-Ohio Market, located near the workforce development building on Naughton Road, may offer walk-in food assistance. The suggestion to call 2-1-1 for food resource referrals was also offered.

Councilor McCann reported on a community conversation he had hosted the prior week, noting that 21 residents attended from across all wards of the city. He described the event as productive and inclusive, with broad participation and civil discussion on multiple topics, including the Whitehall Ward Waste Wars initiative. He indicated a follow-up event is planned for October and that he and Communications staff are working on a question-and-answer email platform for residents. Councilor Elmore encouraged coordination with the Department of Neighborhoods and Director of Neighborhoods.

A disagreement arose among Council members regarding the tenor of remarks made during the meeting, with Councilor Dixon raising concerns about what he characterized as recurring disrespectful conduct toward certain members of the dais. The exchange became heated, prompting President Pro Tem Morrison to call for a return to professionalism and redirect the meeting to city business.

Community Standards and Enforcement

Chairperson McCann opened: 8:10 PM | Closed: 8:12 PM

No drafts or pending legislation were before this committee.

Councilor Elmore offered commendatory remarks regarding the growth and engagement demonstrated by Councilor McCann and Councilor Adkins in their respective roles.

Economic Development

Chairperson Dixon opened: 8:12 PM | Closed: 8:19 PM

Third Reading:

Ordinance No. 064-2026 — Amending the Zoning Map, Changing the Zoning on Property Located at 4870 Poth Road (Parcels 090-008399 and 090-007555) from Community Crossroads District (CCD) to Industrial District (INDD), Property Owned by the Whitehall Community Improvement Corporation — Public Hearing 08/18/2026

Director Russell reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing the prior week and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning. No further questions were raised.

Ordinance No. 065-2026

Amending the Zoning Map, Changing the Zoning on Property Located at 265 North Hamilton Road (Parcel 090-008397) from Community Crossroads District (CCD) to Industrial District (INDD), Property Owned by BCORE Defender OH1M05 LLC — Public Hearing 08/18/2026

Director Russell confirmed that this rezoning also received a unanimous favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. No further questions were raised.

Ordinance No. 066-2026

Amending the Planning and Zoning Code to Limit the Construction or Operation of Gasoline Stations — Public Hearing 08/18/2026

Director Russell confirmed that this amendment likewise received unanimous support from the Planning Commission. She offered to make hard copies of staff reports available to Council members at the conclusion of the meeting.

Second Reading:

Resolution No. 034-2026

Authorizing the Execution of a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement Between the City and the Associated Plumbing & Hydronic Contractors (APHC) of Central Ohio, or a Designee — Adoption 09/02/2026

Councilor Harcar disclosed that she has a conflict of interest with this matter and would abstain from discussion and the vote.

There was an inquiry about the purpose of the "or a designee" language. Director Russell explained that this provision is a standard accommodation for situations in which the legal signing authority for a company may rest with a parent entity or affiliated LLC rather than the named party, and confirmed that it does not allow the agreement to be transferred to an unrelated business. Director Russell also noted that Tracy Jeffries, Executive Director of APHC, would be present at the August 18 vote meeting to answer any outstanding questions.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services

Chairperson Brown opened: 8:19 PM | Closed: 8:20 PM

No drafts or pending legislation were before this committee. Councilor Brown announced that the Whitehall Ward Waste Wars initiative is currently accepting volunteer sign-ups at City Hall. Between 10 and 15 residents had enrolled to date. Participants may choose to serve as occasional volunteers or as ward organizers. The sign-up period was expected to remain open for one to two additional weeks before the program formally launches.

Public Safety

Chairperson Morrison opened: 8:21 PM | Closed: 8:21 PM

No drafts or pending legislation were before this committee. President Pro Tem Morrison acknowledged the significant public safety response effort underway across fire, police, and public works departments due to the storm and extended well wishes to all residents affected.

Parks and Recreation

Chairperson Adkins opened: 8:22 PM | Closed: 8:26 PM

No drafts or pending legislation were before this committee. Director Russell announced that the City's wood chipper would begin operating on Monday, starting on the west side of the city and moving east, to assist with storm debris removal. She reminded residents that debris must be no longer than four feet and no wider than 12 inches to be eligible for curbside pickup assistance.

Councilor Harcar encouraged residents to check social media and call ahead before visiting city parks or facilities, noting that park grounds may be muddy following the storm. She announced that the Popsicle Park Party at John Bishop Park is scheduled for August 22, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Councilor McCann reported anecdotally that a resident who lives in Dublin had enthusiastically praised Whitehall's outdoor hockey rink, noting that he and members of adult hockey leagues speak highly of the facility. Councilor Harcar expressed that this was a welcome affirmation of the investment, particularly given earlier public skepticism when the rink was announced.

Councilor Brown noted that he would share information about an upcoming youth event co-hosted by the Columbus Crew at a future meeting once the date is confirmed.

There being no additional business, President Pro Tem Morrison adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Submitted by:

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: August 18, 2026

Larry Morrison, President Pro Tem

ORDINANCE NO. 064-2026

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO CHAPTER 1101.06 OF THE 2023 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4870 POTHS ROAD, PARCEL NUMBERS 090-008399 and 090-007555, FROM COMMUNITY CROSSROADS DISTRICT (CCD), TO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (INDD), PROPERTY OWNED BY THE WHITEHALL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council has received an application from the Whitehall Community Improvement Corporation (WCIC) to rezone the property located on the west side of North Hamilton Road, north of Poth Road and east of Southern Wine and Glazers from CCD to INDD; and

WHEREAS, BCORE Defender desires to develop the site into a warehouse expansion development with an additional 35,500 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the WCIC Board of Trustees has authorized the sale of 4870 Poth Road to BCORE Defender OH1M05 LLC,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission (Case No. 907), which reported a FAVORABLE 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: That the Zoning Map attached to Chapter 1101.06 of the 2023 Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall, Ohio and as subsequently amended, be and the same is hereby amended by changing (CCD) to (INDD) for the sole purpose of being a warehouse facility expansion.

SECTION 2: That the City Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the prescribed ordinance directing the Whitehall Planning Division to change the Official Zoning Map of the City of Whitehall.

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 this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to induce the applicant to develop the property, all in order to create housing opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the people of the City of Whitehall and the State of Ohio; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Requested by: Applicant
Prepared by: Curtis Nutter, Planning and Development
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 07/10/2026

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President of Council

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Mayor

Requested by: Applicant
Prepared by: Curtis Nutter, Planning and Development
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney BSN 7/8/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 066-2026

AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE TO LIMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF GASOLINE STATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall has a duty to enact policies that best utilize commercial space; and

WHEREAS, amending the Planning and Zoning Code to prohibit the construction or operation of gasoline stations without a special permit supports strategic land use; and

WHEREAS, the East Main Bus Rapid Transit line will alter the transportation environment of East Main Street, limiting the utility of gasoline stations; NOW THEREFORE;

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

SECTION 1: Table 1104.02 BRD PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS shall read as follows:

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TABLE 1104.02: PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS		
<u>LAND USE TYPE</u>	<u>PERMIT REQUIRED BY</u> <u>DISTRICT</u> <u>BRD</u>	<u>SPECIFIC USE</u> <u>REGULATIONS</u>
<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		
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Gasoline Stations	PSUP	
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SECTION 2: Table 1104.03 MAIN PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS shall read as follows:

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<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		
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Gasoline Stations	PN/A	
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ORDINANCE NO. 066-2026

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

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TABLE 1108.01 PRINCIPLE USES BY ZONING DISTRICT											USE DEFINITION & STANDARDS
	STUR	MUR	BRD	MAIN	SH	YEAR	CCD	MIL O	INDD	FP	
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PUBLIC FACILITIES, INSTITUTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION											
Gasoline Stations	N/A	N/A	<u>P</u> SUP	<u>P</u> N/A	SUP	N/A	N/A	P	SUP	N/A	

P – Permitted

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SECTION 12: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest time provided for by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026

Mayor

Requested by: Jackie Russell, Economic Development Director
Prepared by: Curtis Nutter, Planning and Development
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 07/10/2026

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President of Council

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Mayor

Requested by: Applicant

Prepared by: Curtis Nutter, Planning and Development

Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 07/10/2026

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ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

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Mayor

Requested by: Applicant
Prepared by: Curtis Nutter, Planning and Development
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney BSN 7/8/2026

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<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		
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Gasoline Stations	PSUP	
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SECTION 2: Table 1104.03 MAIN PERMITTED LAND USES & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS shall read as follows:

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ORDINANCE NO. 066-2026

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PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026

Mayor

Requested by: Jackie Russell, Economic Development Director
Prepared by: Curtis Nutter, Planning and Development
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 07/10/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2026

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ASSOCIATED PLUMBING & HYDRONIC CONTRACTORS (APHC) OF CENTRAL OHIO, OR A DESIGNEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, this Council, by its Ordinance No. 58-98 (as amended by Ordinance Nos. 049-2011, 003-2016, and 056-2021) created the East Broad Street District Community Reinvestment Area (the "CRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Associated Plumbing & Hydronic Contractors of Central Ohio ("APHC"), an Ohio Corporation for Non-Profit purchased three parcels, totaling approximately three and a half acres of real property located at 4300 East Broad Street (the "Property" as further depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto), on which Property APHC intends to relocate their operation (the "Facility") and make certain improvements in and around a portion of the Property; and

WHEREAS, APHC's investment and relocation of its operation to the Property and the Facility will create new jobs in the City and improve the welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to spurring the creation of new jobs and the retention of existing jobs within the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce APHC's investment to complete renovations on the Facility and the creation of the related employment opportunities, this Council desires to grant to APHC a 15-year 100% CRA property tax abatement (the "Incentive"); and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to provide for the execution and delivery of a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement (the "CRA Agreement") with APHC, to provide for the Incentive; and

WHEREAS, the City has complied with the terms of the School Compensation Agreement with the Board of Education of the Whitehall City School District, including the notice provisions set forth therein, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.82 and 5709.83; and

WHEREAS, the City has delivered notice of the CRA abatement to the Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools (EFCTS) District within the time periods required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.83; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The City, assuming continuing compliance by the Company or its successors with the CRA Agreement (as described below), grants the CRA Exemption for real property improvements made to the Facility pursuant to the ORC 3735.67 which exemption shall be in the amount of 100% for a period of 15-years commencing in the first year for which the Project would first be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. This Council finds and determines that the foregoing abatement terms are consistent with the requirements of the CRA Ordinance.

SECTION 2: This Council hereby authorizes the payment to the Whitehall City School District as outlined in the School Compensation Agreement, and authorizes any payment to the Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools (EFCTS) District of any payments required pursuant to ORC 5709.82.

SECTION 3: The CRA Agreement in the form presently on file with the Clerk of Council, providing for, among other things, the provision of the real property tax exemption for the Project and waiver of the fees provided for in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, is hereby approved and authorized with changes therein and completions and amendments thereto not inconsistent with this resolution and not substantially adverse to this City and which shall be approved by the Mayor. The Mayor, for and in the name of this City, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver that CRA Agreement and any amendments thereto, provided further that the approval of changes and completions or amendments thereto by that official, and their character as not being substantially adverse to the City, shall be evidenced conclusively

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by the Mayor's execution thereof. This Council further hereby authorizes the Mayor, the Director of Development and the City Attorney, and other appropriate officers of the City, to sign those instruments and make those arrangements as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Council agrees that, with respect to the Project, the City will comply to the extent required with ORC 5709.82 except as set forth herein.

SECTION 5: The Director of Development is authorized and directed to forward an executed copy of the CRA Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency within 15 days following the execution of the CRA Agreement.

SECTION 6: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and any of its committees and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law, including RC 121.22.

SECTION 7: 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 legal agreements have been reached and must now be executed; WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE WHITEHALL CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law as required by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council which should be included in the Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has heretofore entered into a contract with the Walter H. Drane Company to prepare and publish such revision which is before Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That the ordinances of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, of a general and permanent nature, as revised, recodified, rearranged and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters and section within the July 2026 Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances are hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 2: The following sections of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes are hereby amended, added or repealed as respectively indicated in order to comply with State law.

Traffic Code

301.02 Agricultural tractor and traction engine. (Added)

301.03 Alley. (Added)

301.04 Arterial street or highway. (Added)

301.05 Autocycle. (Added)

301.06 Beacon. (Added)

301.07 Bicycle. (Added)

301.08 Bicycle box. (Added)

301.09 Bicycle lane. (Added)

301.10 Bicycle signal face. (Added)

301.11 Bicycle signal sign. (Added)

301.12 Bikeway. (Added)

301.13 Bus. (Added)

301.14 Business district. (Added)

301.15 Busway. (Added)

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301.16 Cab-enclosed motorcycle. (Added)

301.17 Chauffeured limousine. (Added)

301.18 Child care center. (Added)

301.19 Commercial tractor. (Added)

301.20 Controlled-access highway. (Added)

301.21 Crosswalk. (Added)

301.22 Driver or operator. (Added)

301.23 Driveway. (Added)

301.24 Electric bicycle. (Added)

301.25 Electronic. (Added)

301.26 Emergency vehicle. (Added)

301.27 Explosives. (Added)

Traffic Code (Cont.)

301.28 Expressway. (Added)

301.29 Farm machinery. (Added)

301.30 Flammable liquid. (Added)

301.31 Freeway. (Added)

301.32 Funeral escort vehicle. (Added)

301.33 Gross weight. (Added)

301.34 Highway maintenance vehicle. (Added)

301.35 Highway traffic signal. (Added)

301.36 Hybrid beacon. (Added)

301.37 In-road warning light. (Added)

301.38 Intersection. (Added)

301.39 Lane-use control signal. (Added)

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- 301.40 Laned highway. (Added)
- 301.41 Limited driving privileges. (Added)
- 301.42 Local authorities. (Added)
- 301.43 Low-speed micromobility device. (Added)
- 301.44 Median. (Added)
- 301.45 Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter. (Added)
- 301.46 Motor vehicle. (Added)
- 301.47 Motorcycle. (Added)
- 301.48 Motorized bicycle or moped. (Added)
- 301.49 Motorized wheelchair. (Added)
- 301.50 Multi-wheel agricultural tractor. (Added)
- 301.51 Natural resources officer. (Added)
- 301.52 Operate. (Added)
- 301.53 Parked or parking. (Added)
- 301.54 Pedestrian. (Added)
- 301.55 Person. (Added)
- 301.56 Pole trailer. (Added)
- 301.57 Police officer. (Added)
- 301.58 Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense. (Added)
- 301.59 Private road. (Added)
- 301.60 Public safety vehicle. (Added)
- 301.61 Railroad. (Added)
- 301.62 Railroad sign or signal. (Added)
- 301.63 Residence district. (Added)
- 301.64 Ridesharing arrangement. (Added)

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301.65 Right-of-way. (Added)

301.66 Road service vehicle. (Added)

301.67 Roadway. (Added)

301.68 Roundabout. (Added)

301.69 Rural mail delivery vehicle. (Added)

301.70 Safety zone. (Added)

301.71 School bus. (Added)

301.72 Semitrailer. (Added)

301.73 Shared-use path. (Added)

301.74 Shoulder. (Added)

301.75 Sidewalk. (Added)

301.76 Site roadway open to public travel. (Added)

301.77 Standing. (Added)

301.78 State. (Added)

301.79 State highway. (Added)

301.80 State route. (Added)

Traffic Code (Cont.)

301.81 Stop. (Added)

301.82 Stop intersection. (Added)

301.83 Stopping. (Added)

301.84 Street or highway. (Added)

301.85 Through highway. (Added)

301.86 Thruway. (Added)

301.87 Traffic. (Added)

301.88 Traffic control device. (Added)

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301.89 Traffic control signal. (Added)

301.90 Trailer. (Added)

301.91 Train. (Added)

301.92 Truck. (Added)

301.93 Two-stage bicycle turn box. (Added)

301.94 Type A family child care home. (Added)

301.95 Urban district. (Added)

301.96 Vehicle. (Added)

301.97 Waste collection vehicle. (Added)

301.98 Wildlife officer. (Added)

313.02 Through Highways; Stop and Yield Right-of-Way Signs. (Amended)

313.03 Traffic Signal Indications. (Amended)

313.04 Lane-Use Control Signal Indications. (Amended)

313.09 Driver's Duties Upon Approaching Ambiguous or Non-Working Traffic Signal. (Amended)

313.10 Unlawful Purchase, Possession or Sale. (Amended)

313.11 Portable Signal Preemption Devices Prohibited. (Amended)

313.12 Bicycle Symbol Signal Indications. (Added)

331.33 Obstructing Intersection, Crosswalk or Grade Crossing. (Amended)

331.35 Occupying Travel Trailer, Fifth Wheel Vehicle, or Manufactured or Mobile Home While in Motion. (Amended)

331.38 Stopping for School Bus; Discharging Children. (Amended)

331.39 Driving Across Grade Crossing. (Amended)

331.401 Slow-Moving Vehicles or Equipment Crossing Railroad Tracks. (Added)

331.45 Restrictions on the Operation of School Buses. (Amended)

333.01 Driving or Physical Control While Under the Influence. (Amended)

333.03 Maximum Speed Limits; Assured Clear Distance Ahead. (Amended)

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333.10 Electronic Wireless Communication Device Use Prohibited While Driving. (Amended)

335.09 Display of License Plates or Validation Stickers; Registration. (Amended)

337.24 Motor Vehicle Stop Lights. (Amended)

341.01 Commercial Drivers Definitions. (Amended)

351.03 Prohibited Standing or Parking Places. (Amended)

371.01 Right of Way in Crosswalk. (Amended)

371.03 Crossing Roadway Outside Crosswalk; Diagonal Crossings at Intersections. (Amended)

371.11 Persons Operating Motorized Wheelchairs. (Deleted)

371.12 Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices. (Amended)

General Offenses Code

505.24 Dogs with Blind, Deaf or Mobility Impaired Person. (Amended)

505.25 Sale and Transportation of Dogs. (Added)

505.26 Possession of Certain Dogs by Convicted Felons Prohibited. (Added)

513.01 Gambling Definitions. (Amended)

523.02 Falsification. (Amended)

523.09 Assaulting Police Dog or Horse or An Assistance Dog. (Amended)

529.22 Dissemination of Private Sexual Images. (Repealed)

533.01 Drug Abuse Definitions. (Amended)

533.12 Drug Paraphernalia. (Amended)

533.17 Adult Use Cannabis Control. (Amended)

537.01 Theft and Fraud Definitions. (Amended)

SECTION 3: That, through authentication and approval of this Ordinance, the President of Council and Clerk of Council shall certify that the permanent and general ordinances of the City, as codified in the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances are correctly set forth therein.

SECTION 4: That pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by Council.

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PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Requested and Prepared by: Julie Ogg, Clerk of Council

Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, Assistant City Attorney *bsn* 8/7/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2026

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

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall has the opportunity to hire a highly qualified individual as Facilities Maintenance Laborer in the Public Service Department; and

WHEREAS, the employee has valuable public service experience with seven years of experience, and the City would like to offer a match for service for computing vacation leave; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio authorizes a one-time exemption for 161.09(A) to match years of service, and to match these years of service as indicated in 161.15(b)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall.

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 to permit this employee to carry over her years of service; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 078-2026

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

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall has the opportunity to hire a highly qualified individual as Code Enforcement Official in the Public Service Department; and

WHEREAS, the employee has valuable public service experience with nine years of experience, and the City would like to offer a match for service for computing vacation leave; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio authorizes a one-time exemption for 161.09(A) to match years of service, and to match these years of service as indicated in 161.15(b)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall.

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 to permit this employee to carry over her years of service; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Requested and Prepared by: Tracy Wentz, Director of HR

Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, Assistant City Attorney *bsn* 8/7/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 079-2026

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.

WHEREAS, the budget presented by various departments includes updated titles that best represent what employees do in their daily work and also includes new positions for the City of Whitehall.; 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 following changes to the Table of Authorized Personnel for the fiscal year 2026.

161.37 TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.

The following legends shall apply to all tables delineating authorized strength:

Column	Name	Code
1	Position title	
2	Pay grade or salary pay range	SPR
3	Classified civil service	CCS
	Unclassified civil service	UCS
4	Number authorized	
5	Union bargaining unit	UBU
	Exempt from union	EFU

(a) Office of the Mayor.

1	2	3	4	5
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
Clerk of Court	SPR	CCS	1	EFU
Deputy Clerk of Courts	C-21	CCS	1	UBU
Communication & Marketing Specialist	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
Director of Information Technology	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
System Administrator	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
IT Network Security Administrator	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
Full-Time Information Technology Technician	SPR	UCS	21	EFU
IT Network Administrator	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
Seasonal Intern	SPR	UCS	1	EFU
Assistant Clerk of Courts	SPR	UCS	1	EFU

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 these title changes

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reasonably reflect the duties of the position, and additional positions that were budgeted; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Requested by: Michael Isaac, Director of IT
Prepared by: Tracy Wentz, Director of HR
Approved as to form: Brad Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 08/07/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 080-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE 003-2025; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO 161.38 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, efficient personnel and payroll record keeping requires a permanent definition of uniform published standards; and

WHEREAS, the current salary ordinance requires updating for the year 2026; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1:

161.38 SALARY SCHEDULE.

(a) The following salary ranges are hereby set, with pay to be determined by the respective appointing authority.

Clerk of Council (hourly)	2020	25.00 to 35.39
Office Assistant Part-time (hourly)	2020	11.00 to 22.57
Deputy Auditor (hourly)	2026	30.10 to 44.23
Deputy Tax Commissioner (hourly)	2026	to 48.08
Payroll Administrator (hourly)	2026	To 39.06
Accounting Specialist (hourly)	2026	to 38.46
Director of Public Service (hourly)	2025	to 55.57
Administrative Assistant (hourly)	2024	to 36.00
Code Enforcement Officer (hourly)	2024	to 39.50
Chief Building Official (hourly)	2026	to 52.61
Assistant Building Inspector Part-time (hourly)	2020	to 30.00
Director for Public Safety (salary)	2026	to 54,900.00
Assistant City Attorney/Prosecutor (salary)	2026	To 89,000.00
Assistant City Attorney, Part-time (salary)	2023	to 75,000.00
Prosecutor (Part-Time)* (salary)	2024	To 123,600.00
Legal Assistant (hourly)	2026	to 39.90
Parks and Recreation Director (hourly)	2026	to 57.69
Police Deputy Chiefs (hourly)	2026	to 82.14
Assistant Fire Chief (hourly)	2026	to 82.14
Chief of Police (hourly)	2026	to 92.81
Chief of Fire (hourly)	2026	to 92.81
Crime Analyst Supervisor	2026	to 43.82
Coordinator of Victim Services (hourly)	2020	21.00 to 33.89
Property Room Coordinator (hourly)	2026	to 27.86
Property Room Clerk (hourly)	2026	To 27.86
Crime Analyst (hourly)	2026	23.04 to 35.93
Human Resources Director (hourly)	2026	38.53 to 49.28
HR Generalist (hourly)	2026	28.00 to 33.17
Director of Development (hourly)	2022	to 55.00

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Deputy Director of Public Affairs (hourly)	2023	to 42.79
Director of Information Technology (hourly)	2026	to 54.33
Systems Administrator (hourly)	2024	to 44.00
Senior Administrative Assistant (hourly)	2026	to 40.37
Executive Assistant to the Mayor (hourly)	2026	to 40.87
Clerk of Courts (hourly)	2026	to 41.20
Paralegal (hourly)	2026	20.00 to 33.65
Recreation Superintendent (hourly)	2023	to 38.25
Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer (hourly)	2026	to 32.53
IT Security Specialist	2026	to 38.20
IT Network Administrator	2026	36.06 to 45.67
Full-Time IT Technician (hourly)	2024	to 37.09
Grants Administrator (hourly)	2025	to 46.34
Records Clerk Part-time (hourly)	2026	to 28.96
Economic Development Specialist (hourly)	2026	to 36.59
City Planner (hourly)	2026	To 33.17
Adult Resource & Engagement Specialist	2026	to 27.89
P&R Program Supervisor (hourly)	2025	to 34.06
Recreation Manager (full-time)	2026	22.00 – 27.00
Program Assistant (part-time)	2024	15.00 – 25.00
Assistant Clerk of Courts	2026	to 34.13
Communication and Marketing Specialist	2026	to 33.65
Police Community Coordinator	2026	to 26.25
Director of Neighborhoods	2026	to 44.23
Events and Advancement Coordinator	2026	to 29.33
Service Maintenance Custodian	2026	to 26.44
Police Custodian	2026	to 26.44

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 it is necessary for preparation for the first payroll in September 2026; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Requested by: Michael Isaac, Director of IT
Prepared by: Tracy Wentz, Director of HR
Approved as to form: Brad Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 08/07/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 081-2026

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$500,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND (511), AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO THE SELF-FUNDED INSURANCE TRUST FUND EXPENSE ACCOUNT (511.000.50000).

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall maintains a self-funded employee health insurance program, the claims, stop-loss premiums, and administrative costs of which are paid from the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund (511); and

WHEREAS, the City experienced significantly elevated employee health insurance claims activity during calendar year 2025, resulting in total costs charged against the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund of approximately Five Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,600,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the appropriation authority established for the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2026 originally totaled Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), an amount approximately Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000.00) below the costs actually incurred by the Fund in 2025; and

WHEREAS, claims activity has continued at an elevated level into 2026, and the existing appropriation is therefore insufficient to pay employee medical claims as they become due through the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14(E) authorizes the transfer of money from the general fund to any other fund of the subdivision by action of the taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor advises that this transfer and supplemental appropriation is necessary to ensure the timely and uninterrupted payment of employee medical claims, to preserve the City's compliance with its plan obligations, and to prevent expenditures greater than appropriations contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14(E), hereby authorizes and directs the transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) from the General Fund (101) to the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund (511).

SECTION 2: That, upon the transfer authorized in Section 1 and the certification of the resulting resources as required by law, the Council hereby approves and makes a supplemental appropriation in the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund (511) to the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund Expense Account (511.000.50000) in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$500,000.00).

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 shall go into full force and effect at the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Requested by: Chris Peterson, Deputy Auditor

Prepared by: Shaquille Alexander, CPA, City Auditor

Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 08/11/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 082-2026

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$4,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE FUND (101) TO ACCOUNT 101.900.51825 BOARD/COMMIS MILEAGE/MISC.

WHEREAS, expense account 101.900.51825 Board/Commis Mileage/Misc supports mileage reimbursement and related incidental expenses incurred by the members of the City's boards and commissions in the performance of their official duties; and

WHEREAS, activity in account 101.900.51825 for fiscal year 2026 has exceeded the level anticipated at the time the annual appropriation measure was adopted, and the unencumbered balance remaining in the account is insufficient to meet obligations projected through the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor further advises that this supplemental appropriation is necessary to ensure that board and commission expenses continue to be paid as they become due and to prevent expenditures greater than appropriations contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Whitehall hereby approves a supplemental appropriation in the amount of four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$4,000.00) to Account 101.900.51825 BOARD/COMMIS MILEAGE/MISC.

SECTION 2: The City Auditor is hereby authorized to record this supplemental appropriation and to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for the stated purpose.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 035– 2026

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2025.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) reviewed projects for compliance per the Ohio Revised Code section 5709.85(C) on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 4801 E Broad St, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 430 N Hamilton Rd, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 4712, 4720, 4728, 4746, 4760 Poth Rd, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 4671 & 4661 E Broad St, Whitehall, OH 43213 & 101, 102, 103, 104 Norton Park Drive, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 430 N Yearling Rd, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65 Robinwood Ave, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all benchmarks and recommends continuing the agreement with a condition that the property owner joins the Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 4590 E Broad St, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the 3540 E Main St, Whitehall, OH 43213 CRA exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement with a condition that the property owner joins the Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Hamilton Road and Broad Street 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 Air South Urban Re-dev 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 Hamilton Broad TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the TIRC found the Creative Palette 75% TIF exemption was in compliance with all requirements and recommends continuing the agreement, and

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 TIRC's 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.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026. _____
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2026

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK" GRANT (CDBG) FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall desires assistance offered through Franklin County's Community Development Block Grant program for projects that meet the priority housing, homelessness, and other community development needs in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, this grant covers basic eligible activities such as Public Facilities and Improvements, Site Preparation, Economic Development, and Public Services among other activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall must bury and move the electric poles as a part of the economic development project located at the corner of Broad and Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide monies for this public infrastructure improvement in the City of Whitehall;

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is approaching at the end of August 2026; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission a Technical Assistance Grant.

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

SECTION 3: 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 legal agreements have been reached and now payment is required; WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2026

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 _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

REQUISITION	VENDOR	TOTAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE ORDER	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	ACCOUNT
PR2026-HR-00358-A	04119 (PRADCO)	5,050.00	pay for Quick Assessment software	2026000947	7/20/2026	12 MONTH UNLIMITED ASSESSMENT B	101.450.58314
PR2026-Fire-01191-A	04617 (STRYKER SALES CORP)	36,532.40	power load and power cot for new 2025 medic	2026000948	7/13/2026	9212825601	302.000.50000
PR2026-Auditor-03823-A	05685 (FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS)	12,788.29	2026 JUNE SPECIAL ELECTION	2026000949	7/10/2026	#WH002	101.950.59000
PR2026-Pol-01252-A	04363 (CITY OF GAHANNA)	19,799.17	2026 CAD/RMS Consortium Fees Q2 & Q3	2026000920	7/1/2026	833	212.000.50020
PR2026-HR-00332-A	04119 (PRADCO)	4,200.00	to pay for testing & retainer	2026000904	6/30/2026	312172	101.800.53000
PR2026-Service-03672-A	05715 (HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK CREDIT CARD)	3,570.00	Electric Charging Station for City Cars @ City Hal	2026000847	6/29/2026	1621-4406	330.000.50000
PR2026-Pol-01242-A	00214 (GALLS/QUARTERMASTER)	6,500.00	Bulletproof Vests for Perez/Dominguez/George/Takat	2026000919	6/23/2026	35449749	252.000.50000
PR2026-Pol-01148-A	03299 (MECC REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS)	11,022.00	2026 Q2 Shared: Administration Circuits/Network So	2026000874	6/23/2026	202606-00007A	101.960.58314
PR2026-Service-03720-A	03186 (PARR PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT)	22,222.95	PD Cruiser Outfitting x5	2026000808	6/9/2026	INV123630	313.000.55000
PR2026-HR-00334-A	04119 (PRADCO)	12,500.00	to pay for testing & retainer	2026000904	5/31/2026	312012	101.800.53000
PR2026-Service-03622-A	00566 (Treasurer Of State)	131,169.19	Broad & Hamilton Intersection- Storm Sewer Overage	2026000873	5/28/2026	CA3053	305.000.50000
PR2026-HR-00326-A	5627 (ARMOR RISK MANAGEMENT LLC)	4,950.00	to pay for Police backgrounds	2026000781	5/22/2026	WPD 05222026	101.450.52500
PR2026-Auditor-03778-A	05980 (OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)	457,372.37	OWDA LOAN	2026000767	5/15/2026	11104 05.2026	401.000.50000
PR2026-Auditor-03774-A	05980 (OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)	40,715.88	OWDA LOAN - SEWER REHABILITATION	2026000953	5/15/2026	10603	401.000.50000
PR2026-Pol-01140-A	06004 (PALADIN DRONES INC)	49,000.00	Premium DFR Package Annual Subscription 2026	2026000869	1/1/2026	1197	241.000.50000
PR2026-Service-03656-A	01317 (Cargill Salt Division. Inc)	8,590.50	Road Salt	2026000886	12/18/2025	2911835416	101.950.59900
TOTAL		825,982.75					

RESOLUTION NO. 038-2026

RESOLVING TO CENSURE COUNCILMAN DIXON FOR CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF A MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Censure is the formal expression of strong disapproval and denouncement of the actions or conduct of an elected official; and

WHEREAS, at the Council Committee meetings on August 11, 2026, Councilman Dixon threatened another councilmember when stating, "if you want to dance, let's dance"; and

WHEREAS, such comments constitute inappropriate and threatening conduct toward another member of Council and are inconsistent with the standards of professionalism, civility, and decorum expected of members of Council; and

WHEREAS, acts of violence, threats of violence, intimidation, or threatening conduct have no place in the proceedings of Council and will not be tolerated; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: Council hereby censures Councilman Dixon for his comments, which the Council deems as conduct unbecoming a member of Council.

SECTION 2: The Council finds and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council, and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor