WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

7:00 p.m., Council Chamber at City Hall by President Patricia Balser

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Gerald Dixon, Devin Brown, Lori Elmore, Larry Morrison, Amy Harcar, Mike Adkins, Brian McCann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 1, 2026 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Financial Reports

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 Chet Ridenour

President Balser

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

POLL PUBLIC:

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

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

THIRD READING:

THERE IS NO LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 086-2026

AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE II, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED “STOP INTERSECTIONS” BY ADDING A STOP SIGN AT E MOUND STREET AND BERNHARD ROAD AND CREATING ALL-WAYS STOP INTERSECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2026

AMENDING APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IV, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED “PARKING PROHIBITED ALL TIMES” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE 089-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 195 OF THE WHITEHALL CODIFIED ORDINANCES REQUIRING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND ETHICS TRAINING FOR OFFICE HOLDERS.

ORDINANCE 090-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE 073-2026; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO 161.38.

ORDINANCE 091-2026

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($18,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE LABOR RELATIONS ACCOUNT (101.900.51010), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE 092-2026

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 170 CONTRACTING PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING MINIMUM CITY CONTRACT AWARDS TO MINORITY BUSINESSES.

RESOLUTION 040-2026
RESOLVING TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES.

POLL PUBLIC:

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

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

ADJOURN

Whitehall City Council Meeting
September 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

President Pro Tem Morrison called the Tuesday, September 1, 2026, agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present except Councilor Brown, who arrived at 6:36 PM.

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,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 15, 2026

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Patricia Balser, President of Council

Whitehall City Council Meeting
September 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 1, 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 McCann, Councilor Dixon, Councilor Brown, Councilor Elmore, Councilor Morrison, Councilor Harcar, and Councilor Adkins.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were presented for approval: The August 18, 2026 Agenda & Regular Meeting Minutes; August 25, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes; and the August 25, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

> Motion to approve the minutes by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Harcar. The motion carried 7–0.

Appointment of Council President

President Pro Tem Morrison announced that Treasurer Janell Luke would serve as chair for the appointment process, as prescribed by the adopted rules.

Adoption of Rules for the Appointment Process

Before Treasurer Luke assumed the chair, a discussion took place regarding the procedural rules governing the nomination, debate, and appointment of the Council President. Councilor Elmore moved to adopt the rules, and Councilor Dixon seconded.

Before the vote was taken, Councilor Dixon raised several concerns about the rules, which he noted had not been distributed to applicants until earlier that same day. He identified two provisions in particular that gave him pause: Section 1(F), which provided that any candidate who interrupts a member or nominee shall be immediately disqualified, and Section 1(G), which provided that a candidate who refuses to answer questions shall likewise be disqualified. Councilor Dixon recalled that the original discussion at the prior week's meeting had focused more narrowly on disqualification for failing to speak at all, and expressed concern that the additional provisions had been introduced without adequate notice to the applicants.

City Attorney Nicodemus clarified the origins of the provisions, explaining that specific discussion at the prior meeting had addressed both interruptions and the expectation that candidates would engage during their allotted time. He confirmed that, because the rules had just been adopted, their application was the sole discretion of the chair.

Councilor Dixon asked Treasurer Luke to exercise some degree of understanding given that candidates were nervous and had received the rules only hours before the meeting. Treasurer Luke indicated she would take that into account.

Councilor Dixon also sought clarification on Section 3(C), regarding the order of debate being determined by seniority and then alphabetically. City Attorney Nicodemus clarified that the alphabetical tiebreaker applied only where two members shared equal seniority on the Council.

Councilor Harcar asked whether all council members had received the rules. It was confirmed that the rules had been distributed both by email and placed in members' folders by Clerk Ogg.

Councilor Dixon expressed a broader concern that once the special rules session commenced under Treasurer Luke's chairmanship, the ordinary protections of Robert's Rules of Order would no longer apply, and council members would not have the ability to raise procedural objections in the usual manner. He urged that all members have a full understanding of the process before it began. Councilor Elmore indicated that she understood the rules thoroughly, having reviewed them both at the prior week's meeting and again before this evening's meeting.

City Attorney Nicodemus also clarified, in response to questions, that this remained an open public meeting; however, in accordance with the adopted rules, candidates who had not yet been called forward were to wait in the lobby viewing area. He further clarified that his role was not to participate in the proceedings but to be available only in the event of a legal question.

> Motion to adopt the rules for the nomination, debate, and appointment of the President of Council was made by Councilor Dixon and seconded by Councilor Elmore. The motion carried 7-0.

Convening Under Treasurer Luke's Chairmanship

Treasurer Janell Luke assumed the chair and addressed the Council and those in attendance. She explained that her role was to remain entirely neutral, to ensure each participant had a fair opportunity to speak, and to apply the same rules and expectations to everyone. She summarized the key provisions of the adopted rules, reading aloud Section 1(F) regarding disqualification for interruptions, and Section 1(G) regarding disqualification for failure to speak or answer questions. She also read Section 2(B), establishing that pre-submitted candidates would speak in the order their materials were received, and Section 2(C), which provided for any additional persons wishing to be nominated who had not previously submitted materials.

Treasurer Luke called upon the six individuals who had previously submitted resumes or letters of interest, announcing them in the order of receipt: (1) John Paul Long, (2) Patricia Balser, (3) Jim Graham, (4) Robert Vogel, (5) Glenna Henson, and (6) President Pro Tem Larry Morrison.

Candidate Remarks

John Paul Long addressed the Council, speaking to his vision for the role of Council President. He emphasized that the presidency must be a nonpartisan position and that it was not the president's function to influence legislation but rather to regulate procedure, follow the rules, and guide the body. He described a lifetime of leadership experience, including work at Ford Motor Company through the "Job 1" hourly-salary partnership program, ownership and operation of Sparky's Diner and Bakery, and a 27-year career at Kroger Bakery during which he was repeatedly elevated to roles including lead man, union steward, and production planner. His remarks concluded when Treasurer Luke indicated that his three minutes had elapsed.

Patricia Balser addressed the Council, framing her candidacy around three themes. First, she described her early community involvement, recounting an effort she organized as a young adult to rename what had become Bishop Park back to Orton Davis Park, which—though unsuccessful—taught her the importance of civic engagement and understanding the formal process. Second, she outlined her professional background, including a bachelor's degree in science from Ohio State University, more than 20 years running her own kitchen design company, and the skills she developed in project coordination, communication, problem-solving, and self-taught accounting and business management. Third, she spoke about her family, having adopted four children and raised a biological child, describing the experience as teaching her to listen, find common ground, and make difficult decisions for the benefit of all. She concluded by stating that a Council President need not have all the answers, but must listen to every voice, understand the process, and help council move forward even amid disagreement.

Jim Graham addressed the Council, introducing himself as a Whitehall resident since 1954, noting that he, his wife, and both of his daughters had graduated from Whitehall High School. He stated his firm belief in Whitehall's future. He framed his candidacy in practical terms: if the Council was unable to appoint one of its own sitting members as President, the body faced a choice between someone unfamiliar with the position or someone with direct experience. He offered the latter, having served eight years as Councilor at-large and eight years as Council President. He noted that throughout his prior service he had been known for impartiality and for never taking sides. He acknowledged he was present with a cane but assured the Council that, if chosen, "we as a council will hit the ground running." He closed by stating he expected to be free of the cane before long.

Robert Vogel came forward and spoke briefly, noting his background included owning and operating a trucking business. His remarks were brief, and the key substance was not fully captured in the transcript.

Glenna Henson addressed the Council, describing her history with the city beginning in 1983, when she began volunteering and was subsequently appointed by then-Mayor John Bishop to the Parks and Recreation Commission, where she served as president for six or seven years. She was appointed to City Council in 1991, ran for election the following year, and won. She noted that she had received numerous awards and was the only person in Whitehall's history to receive two awards from the Girl Scouts, crediting her practice of involving children in civic events so their parents would attend. She noted that she had lived in Whitehall since 1962, raised three children who graduated from Whitehall schools, and that multiple generations of her family called the city home. She described her aim as Council President to "pull everybody together so that people can talk and try to get along with each other and make decisions that are good for the city." She also briefly offered historical context regarding the naming of Orton Davis Park.

President Pro Tem Larry Morrison addressed the Council, stating that he had lived in Whitehall for over 40 years, was married for over 50 years, and that his wife and two children had graduated from Whitehall schools. He described retiring from Lucid Technology after 43 years. He noted his union service with the IBEW, having served as job steward, area steward, executive board member, and chief steward, with responsibilities that included interacting with all levels of management and negotiating nationwide contracts, including for employees overseas. He also described serving on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, the Planning Commission, two terms as Ward 3 Councilor, and his current service as Councilor at-large and President Pro Tem. He stated: "It is my desire to continue to serve the city of Whitehall and work with the administration for a successful future."

<u>Formal Nominations</u>

Treasurer Luke opened the floor for formal nominations and called upon members to use the prescribed form: "I nominate [name] for Council President."

- Councilor Elmore nominated Jim Graham, seconded by Councilor Harcar.
- Councilor Dixon nominated Larry Morrison, seconded by Councilor Adkins.
- Councilor McCann nominated Patricia Balser, seconded by Councilor Dixon.
- Councilor Brown nominated John Paul Long, seconded by Councilor Harcar.

Treasurer Luke asked whether there were any additional nominations. Hearing none, Councilor Elmore moved to close nominations.

> Motion to close nominations was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor McCann. The motion carried 7-0, satisfying the required supermajority.

City Attorney Nicodemus confirmed that the motion received the required supermajority of five votes.

Pursuant to the adopted rules, candidates Robert Vogel and Glenna Henson, who did not advance beyond the nomination stage, were thanked and excused.

Motion to Appoint a President of Council

Motion to appoint a President of Council and proceed to debate was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor McCann.

Debate – Round One

Treasurer Luke announced the debate order: Councilor Adkins, Councilor McCann, Councilor Brown, Councilor Harcar, President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor Dixon, and Councilor Elmore, in order of ascending seniority as prescribed by the adopted rules.

Councilor Adkins was recognized for up to ten minutes. He spoke briefly, expressing that all candidates were impressive but stated his support for President Pro Tem Morrison, describing him as someone who had been "pretty thick and thin up here" and well deserving of the position. Councilor Adkins yielded the remainder of his time.

Councilor McCann was recognized and directed questions to each candidate.

To John Paul Long, Councilor McCann asked him to explain, in one sentence, what separation of powers means; to define impartiality; and how he would remain impartial. Mr. Long acknowledged he had heard the term many times but described separation of powers as the existence of more than one power requiring separation, and described impartiality as "not taking one side or the other, but holding yourself out as an individual." Councilor McCann noted that his third question had been answered in the course of his response.

To Patricia Balser, Councilor McCann posed the same three questions. Ms. Balser described separation of powers as the division between executive and legislative or administrative authority, and the council's function as making laws and advancing the direction of the city. She defined impartiality as "being neutral, allowing everybody to speak their opinion," and stated she would remain impartial by deferring her personal opinions to her responsibilities as president.

To Jim Graham, Councilor McCann posed the same three questions. Mr. Graham described separation of powers as the distinction between council's powers and administration's powers, stating, "the two don't mix." He defined impartiality as not taking sides, and articulated that as president, one chairs the meeting and keeps it moving without voicing a personal position. He added spontaneously: "Somebody's all I will say this, though. I probably should not, but everybody is going to have his or her opinion. Just means maybe you don't voice it." Councilor McCann noted he had answered the third question through his response.

To President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor McCann posed the same questions. President Pro Tem Morrison described separation of powers as the distinction between the administration and city council as two separate entities—legislative versus administrative—and stated that council "do not interfere with administrative duties of running the everyday city business." He defined impartiality as sitting at the council chair, constructing and keeping order in the meeting, listening to all opinions, "but not voice your own." Councilor McCann noted this also answered his third question. He concluded by stating, he had two candidates in mind and that his vote would reflect that.

Councilor Brown was recognized and directed questions primarily to Ms. Balser and Mr. Graham.

To Patricia Balser, Councilor Brown asked five questions: how she understood council to operate; what the ideal council president looks like; what the biggest challenge she foresaw in the role would be; what her community contributions had been; and what she liked and disliked about the city of Whitehall. Ms. Balser described council operations as involving roll calls, legislative readings, and departmental discussions, and acknowledged a learning curve she was ready to accept. She described the ideal council president as someone who runs meetings, keeps members on point, sets aside personal opinions, and represents administrative needs to council. She named her biggest challenge as the learning curve itself, though she noted plans to pursue webinars and other training. On community contributions, she spoke personally, describing helping a neighbor named Ray with heat, food stamps, healthcare, and employment; assisting others with transportation and job applications; and having people live in her home. On the question of likes and dislikes, Ms. Balser expressed frustration that residents speaking at the podium were not always heard, and that the direction of development—particularly apartment construction—did not reflect the wishes of most residents. On the positive side, she stated she returned to Whitehall from New York because she loves the city's diversity, its restaurants, and its character, calling it "the best kept secret."

Councilor Brown then asked a final question: why was Ms. Balser the best fit for the role? She described her capacity to speak with people, to organize, and her commitment to contributing to Whitehall's governance, adding that she hoped to bring "new ideas, new fresh ways of doing things."

Councilor Brown then noted, for the record, that he was aware of a resident who felt Ms. Balser deserved a fair shot at the opportunity, but raised the issue of her involvement in the recent recall effort, expressing concern that her background might make it difficult for her to carry out the role effectively. Ms. Balser responded that she had a right as a resident to participate in the recall and that the effort came from community members who asked her to represent them. She stated she could "put my opinion to the side and do the job." Councilor Brown indicated it was not a personal attack but a concern about her ability to perform in the role.

To Jim Graham, Councilor Brown asked the same substantive questions in condensed form, noting time constraints. Mr. Graham described council operations as a process in which the administration brings legislation to council, council reviews and discusses it, and votes up or down, while also directing residents to appropriate city services when needed. He described the ideal council president in three words: "knowledgeable," "impartial," and someone who "believes in teamwork," adding that teamwork was "the most important part of that." On why he was the best fit, Mr. Graham expressed pride that during his prior presidency, "it was a team. He didn't make decisions. No one person made decisions." On likes and dislikes, he cited redevelopment progress as a positive and the lack of cooperation among council members as a concern: "I would like to see more cooperation between members of council… it would behoove council to think about teamwork a little bit."

To President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor Brown asked the same questions but used his allotted time, which was ultimately called by Treasurer Luke at eleven minutes. President Pro Tem Morrison described council as supposed to operate as a team for the community by evaluating legislation brought by the administration and voting as a team. On why he was the best fit, he began to speak to his experience as ward councilor but was cut off by time.

At this point, Councilor McCann noted for the record that debate is "limited to the appointment of President of Council and the qualifications of the nominees," and asked that questioning remain within those parameters.

Councilor Harcar was recognized and directed questions to the candidates.

To Patricia Balser, Councilor Harcar asked what Ms. Balser had done to prepare for the role in the preceding weeks. Ms. Balser described reviewing the City Charter, watching content on Robert's Rules of Order via YouTube, and identifying a webinar series on leading meetings and the role of council president. When asked whether she was ready to lead a meeting from day one, Ms. Balser said "Absolutely," adding that she would expect support from the council and noted a good relationship with City Attorney Nicodemus and President Pro Tem Morrison.

Councilor Harcar then raised a pointed question: during the recall effort, Mayor Michael T. Bivens was among those targeted. If appointed as president, Ms. Balser would need to work closely with the mayor. Councilor Harcar asked what Ms. Balser had specifically done since the recall to rebuild trust with the mayor and the broader community, and what she would do as president to establish a productive working relationship. Ms. Balser stated she had attended the mayor's address following the recall outcome and had been mostly observing council meetings and talking to residents. She acknowledged she had spoken with the mayor only once, and had professional contact primarily with Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell. When Councilor Harcar pressed for something more specific, Ms. Balser stated directly: "I haven't and it's pretty much no different than before the recall... I don't really feel I'm in a position to... for all the administration, to really engage. I don't really haven't had a real purpose."

Councilor Harcar then noted her own stated preference for a council president who would "put out a fire, not light fuel to it," and expressed concern that Ms. Balser's nomination could be "fueling a fire as opposed to extinguishing it." Councilor Harcar asked how Ms. Balser would handle contentious meetings and work to bring unity. Ms. Balser acknowledged that as a kitchen designer she had extensive experience resolving conflicts between architects and homeowners, described herself as "a very good neutral person in solving problems," and stated she would work on "allowing people to speak, not letting people speak over them, acknowledging people when they have a point to make." She stated she would "fine tune my skills as I move on."

Councilor Harcar also asked whether Ms. Balser had a track record of disagreeing with supporters when warranted. Ms. Balser recounted that during the recall effort, many participants held views she did not always share, and that she had had candid conversations with numerous council members, including Councilor Brown, Councilor McCann, Councilor Dixon, Councilor Adkins, and President Pro Tem Morrison, who she noted was her neighbor.

To Jim Graham, Councilor Harcar asked how he viewed the division on council and what solutions he saw. Mr. Graham stated: "I believe that the way the meeting is run can make all the difference in the world. And it's the president's job to run the meeting... The president controls what's going on." He emphasized that council's work is not about arguing but about doing the job, and that the president's role also includes serving as a go-between for the mayor and council: "Oftentimes, the president will have information that they can give to the council that maybe helps him see something in a different light."

To President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor Harcar asked how divided council could be improved and whether members were being given their time and being heard. President Pro Tem Morrison stated: "The best solution would be for people on council when they come in the council chambers to come in here to do city business, not personal business, not personal vendettas, not personal arguments." He acknowledged that since President Potter retired, managing the Council had been "like trying to herd cats in here at times," and stated he had spoken with individual members about leaving personal issues outside the chamber. When asked in the final seconds whether he had taken steps to improve his relationship with Mayor Bivens or the administration, President Pro Tem Morrison acknowledged he had not done anything recently in that regard, though he noted he had interacted with some of the mayor's directors.

President Pro Tem Morrison, now in the role of a candidate, was recognized in the debate order. He stated that he had no questions for the applicants that had not already been asked and answered well, and yielded his time.

Councilor Dixon was recognized and directed a uniform set of four questions to each candidate, conducting the exchange in rapid succession given time constraints.

To President Pro Tem Morrison, he asked about organizational skills in the role, professional distance to serve without bias, the importance of separation of government branches on a scale of one to ten, and readiness to take on the role of Vice Mayor. President Pro Tem Morrison described organizational skills as connecting with council members, serving the community, and directing residents to appropriate offices. He stated he had professional distance to serve without bias, rated separation of powers as "eleven" out of ten, and confirmed he was ready to assume the role of Vice Mayor.

To John Paul Long, Councilor Dixon posed the same questions. Mr. Long described organizational skills as communication, use of available resources, and the ability to be impartial. He confirmed he had the professional distance to serve without bias, said he could answer the separation of powers question in the affirmative, and confirmed readiness to serve as Vice Mayor "absolutely."

To Jim Graham, Councilor Dixon skipped the organizational skills question, noting he had observed Mr. Graham serve as Council President previously. Mr. Graham confirmed he had the ability to serve without bias, rated separation of powers as ten out of ten, and confirmed readiness to serve as Vice Mayor, noting he had done so before.

To Patricia Balser, Councilor Dixon posed all four questions. Ms. Balser described her organizational skills as answering emails, maintaining communication, making phone calls, finding the right person for the right question, and organizing legislative and administrative materials as president. She confirmed professional distance to serve without bias, rated separation of powers as "eleven," and confirmed readiness to serve as Vice Mayor "absolutely."

Councilor Dixon thanked all applicants for their time and participation, and yielded the remainder of his time.

Councilor Elmore was recognized and directed questions to each candidate.

To John Paul Long, Councilor Elmore asked how important economic development and growth was and how it impacted Whitehall's revitalization. Mr. Long stated that growth was essential, that Whitehall "has to grow," and that the council's role was to give residents the tools to support that growth. He also responded to a question about his qualifications, describing a lifetime of leadership in roles as a union steward, lead man, and production planner, in each of which he had to remain in a neutral third-party position, listen to both sides, and make decisions accordingly.

To Patricia Balser, Councilor Elmore asked the same economic development question. Ms. Balser stated that job opportunities were critical to bringing income and taxes to the city, expressed support for focusing on single-family homes over apartments, and acknowledged that while much was being redeveloped, "it's not the Whitehall that I grew up with." She described the current administration as looking to move forward positively.

Councilor Elmore then raised the issue of Ms. Balser's involvement in activity related to Fairway Boulevard. She asked: if legislation concerning that area came before council while Ms. Balser was president, how would she evaluate whether to disclose, recuse herself, or apply another safeguard? Ms. Balser stated it would depend on the matter, that she would consult City Attorney Nicodemus, and that she would recuse herself if a conflict existed, noting she would also seek input from more experienced council members.

Councilor Elmore asked what a productive relationship between the mayor and the president of council should look like when they disagreed. Ms. Balser emphasized the importance of trust and respect, described her prior interactions with the mayor as minimal—she had introduced herself once—and stated it would be "a fresh start." When Councilor Elmore asked what had prevented her from building a relationship with the mayor or other council members, Ms. Balser responded that she had relationships with council members but that her time had been consumed by the Fairway Cliffs matter, the recall, and related community outreach. She stated: "I haven't really had the time to create a relationship with the mayor. Been busy doing the work of the people."

Councilor Elmore then asked how Ms. Balser would distinguish her role as an advocate from her obligation as a neutral presiding officer. Ms. Balser stated: "I got to look at the position that I'm going to be holding. And that will be my priority—to put those things aside, put my opinions to the side, and just really run an orderly council meeting where everybody gets to speak."

On the topic of council decorum, Councilor Elmore asked what responsibility the president has when council members interrupt, personally attack, threaten, or disparage one another. Ms. Balser stated that such conduct was "not okay," that the charter addressed decorum specifically, and that she would expect fairness, order, transparency, and productivity from all members.

To President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor Elmore asked about economic development and growth. President Pro Tem Morrison stated plainly: "That's where we pay our bills. If we have no development and no growth, we have no funds to pay our bills with." He noted the importance of directing growth through the city's economic development director. On the working relationship between the president and the mayor when the two strongly disagree, he acknowledged that disagreement was natural, described himself as "pretty strong headed," but stated that with enough discussion he could be persuaded and was open to changing his point of view.

Councilor Elmore asked what lessons President Pro Tem Morrison had learned from serving as President Pro Tem and acting president, and what he would do differently. He stated he would "try to reach out more to each individual and convince them to leave their personal issues outside of this building and to conduct yourselves in a professional manner." When asked what objective evidence would demonstrate a successful tenure as Council President, President Pro Tem Morrison acknowledged it was "a tough one," stating the judgment rested with council itself and that his efforts to maintain organization and structure in the meeting would be the measure.

Treasurer Luke called time, concluding the first round of debate.

Vote – Round One

Treasurer Luke announced the voting order per the adopted rules: Councilor Elmore, Councilor Dixon, President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor Harcar, Councilor Brown, Councilor McCann, and Councilor Adkins.

A brief discussion arose over whether President Pro Tem Morrison, as a nominee, could cast a vote. City Attorney Nicodemus advised that he could vote as long as it was not for himself.

The votes were cast as follows:

- Councilor Elmore: Jim Graham
- Councilor Dixon: Larry Morrison
- President Pro Tem Morrison: Patricia Balser
- Councilor Harcar: Jim Graham
- Councilor Brown: Jim Graham
- Councilor McCann: Larry Morrison
- Councilor Adkins: Larry Morrison

Treasurer Luke tallied the results: Jim Graham received three votes, President Pro Tem Morrison received three votes, and Patricia Balser received one vote, with no candidate receiving a majority. City Attorney Nicodemus confirmed that a second round would be required. Pursuant to the adopted rules, the top candidates—Jim Graham, President Pro Tem Morrison, and Patricia Balser—advanced. John Paul Long, having received no votes, was thanked and excused from the chambers.

Debate – Round Two

Treasurer Luke announced that each advancing nominee would receive two additional minutes to speak, followed by five minutes of additional debate per council member, after which a second vote would be taken immediately.

Jim Graham addressed the Council, reiterating that he had entered the race on the premise that if council could not agree to elevate one of its own sitting members to the presidency, the choice should be between experience and inexperience. He stated: "I'm putting my hat in the ring. I do believe that promoting from within is a good way to go." He described himself as "plain old Jim Graham," an average person who strives to be fair and impartial. He concluded by wishing President Pro Tem Morrison well.

President Pro Tem Morrison addressed the Council, acknowledging he was "rather lost for words." He described the Council President role as "a very pressure-oriented job" requiring organization and independent thinking. He stated he could be impartial, noting again that while he was strong-headed, he always listened to both sides before forming a position. He committed to helping council maintain structure and to working with the administration "as much as possible."

Patricia Balser addressed the Council briefly, acknowledging her involvement in the recall and assuring members: "If there's a council member I previously opposed had a good idea for Whitehall, I'll support it. If I disagree with something the council proposes, I will give them the same opportunity to explain and defend their position that I would expect for myself."

Councilor Adkins was recognized. He directed a question to Mr. Graham, asking what he viewed as the biggest obstacle facing the current council. Mr. Graham responded that the central challenge was "getting everybody to understand that we work as a team... We're not going to agree about everything all the time. This side does not have to get everything they want. This side does not have to get everything they want. Work together to where you can come to mutual agreements on something, and then that's how you proceed."

Councilor Adkins then posed the same question to President Pro Tem Morrison, who echoed a similar sentiment: "Biggest obstacle is convincing counsel to do the job for the city and leave their personal vendettas and issues outside of the context of this."

Councilor Adkins concluded by asking Ms. Balser what she planned to do if not chosen for the position. Ms. Balser's response was not fully captured in the transcript. Councilor Adkins yielded his remaining time.

Councilor McCann was recognized. He did not pose additional questions but offered remarks addressed to all three finalists, stating that all three had been impressive and that it was unfortunate only one could be selected. He noted the gravity of the position, particularly the provision that in the event the mayor is unable to perform his duties, the Council President would assume that role. He concluded with congratulations to all three for reaching this stage and yielded his remaining time.

Councilor Brown was recognized and asked Ms. Balser additional clarifying questions. He noted he had hosted two community conversations and asked whether Ms. Balser had attended. She confirmed she had not attended his but had attended others. Councilor Brown noted she had also been invited to participate in the city's strategic planning process and had not attended those meetings either, with Ms. Balser explaining she had email and text communications with Director Jackie Russell to explain her absence.

Councilor Brown pressed Ms. Balser on whether her recall experience was consistent with her description of herself as someone who listens to all sides and makes decisions accordingly. He characterized the recall effort as work with a group of roughly 200 people out of a city of 20,000, describing that as a "special interest group, a very small group of people," and suggested her decisions during that effort were based on their opinions. An exchange arose over whether Councilor Brown's line of questioning was properly within the scope of the rules, which limited debate to the appointment of president of council and the qualifications of nominees.

Councilor McCann objected, stating that Councilor Brown was moving away from posing questions into making statements about past events. Treasurer Luke sought guidance from City Attorney Nicodemus, who indicated the decision rested solely with the chair as the rules had established. Treasurer Luke directed the exchange to continue within the scope of the candidacy and qualifications. Following the interruption, Treasurer Luke granted Councilor Brown an additional minute.

Councilor Brown asked Ms. Balser how her recall experience was consistent with the impartiality she described. Ms. Balser responded that within the recall effort she had encountered wide-ranging opinions from Democrats and Republicans alike, and that she had in fact restrained some participants whose conduct went too far. She acknowledged it was "a very close call" and stated: "This is a job. This is a job for all of Whitehall."

Councilor Brown then asked Ms. Balser whether, if new information showed that the planning principles she had opposed—such as mixed-use and missing middle housing—were in fact what communities needed, she would be able to update her position. Ms. Balser replied: "My job is not to put my opinion out. My job here would be to run the council, make sure, and support those issues that are presented. I don't think I need to feel either way."

Councilor Brown also asked President Pro Tem Morrison to explain why he had voted for Ms. Balser over Mr. Graham. President Pro Tem Morrison declined to answer, stating: "I don't believe that's my position to make that decision." Councilor Brown acknowledged he had cast a vote for Ms. Balser and simply sought to understand the reasoning. President Pro Tem Morrison replied: "I've set my decision. Good night."

Councilor Harcar was recognized and directed questions to Ms. Balser.

Councilor Harcar asked whether Ms. Balser had spoken to any council members about her potential role as president. Ms. Balser acknowledged she had expressed interest in the role to certain members but declined to identify them by name.

Councilor Harcar asked whether Ms. Balser trusted Mayor Bivens and whether, having worked with him, she could confirm he was a good and honorable man and what she would say to her supporters. Ms. Balser stated she would "support him on the issues that I feel are well thought out," and that her personal opinions would remain secondary to the obligation to remain neutral and focus on moving legislation forward.

Councilor Harcar noted that the community remained deeply divided, particularly over the past year, and asked Ms. Balser whether she bore any responsibility for contributing to that division. Ms. Balser stated she did not believe so: "I think I spoke up for the city of Whitehall. The division came from people's personal opinion experiences here." She added that there were unaddressed wants and needs in the community that had been "brushed off" at the council podium.

When Councilor Harcar asked for a specific example of something done incorrectly and how Ms. Balser would change it, Ms. Balser cited the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) program, stating that the overwhelming majority of people who came to sign the Fairway Cliffs petition did not want the tax breaks extended to small contractors. Councilor Harcar then asked: if she were to bring legislation before council and learned that TIFs were in fact necessary for economic development, how would she handle that with her supporters? Ms. Balser replied: "I'm not going to please everybody. And my focus is here on the job." She reiterated her commitment to neutrality: "I want to be Switzerland."

Councilor Harcar acknowledged she understood that supporters of the recall effort had made negative and hateful statements directed at her personally, and asked how Ms. Balser would navigate that dynamic if Councilor Harcar brought additional legislation that those supporters opposed. Ms. Balser responded: "My supporters and my personal belief may be two different things when it comes to you and your legislative... I know what it's like. I was called a lot of nasty things too during the recall, things that were very personal to me, and I understand exactly where you're coming from. Therefore, I can't follow everything my supporters want. And again, my job is to be neutral here."

Councilor Dixon was recognized and posed a single question to each candidate on the importance of adhering to Robert's Rules of Order.

Mr. Graham stated that Robert's Rules of Order exist to fill gaps where council rules do not address a particular situation, and that both sets of rules were important but council rules took precedence, with Robert's Rules as the backup.

President Pro Tem Morrison agreed with Mr. Graham's formulation, stating that the council rules of procedure were primary, and Robert's Rules supplementary.

Ms. Balser also expressed agreement with the principle, affirming the importance of order for smooth meeting operations.

Councilor Dixon yielded the remainder of his time.

Councilor Elmore was recognized and directed questions to Ms. Balser on the topics of TIFs and economic development, the role of executive committee confidentiality, and legislating by social media.

On TIFs and economic development, Councilor Elmore asked how important TIFs were for attracting business. Ms. Balser acknowledged that TIFs were important mechanisms for attracting restaurants and businesses to the city, and noted that while she had previously opposed certain applications, she recognized that smaller "mom and pop" businesses needed support as well.

On executive committee confidentiality, Councilor Elmore asked what Ms. Balser believed the role of confidentiality was in executive session. Ms. Balser stated it was something that "has to be done and has to have trust," and that she would take confidentiality obligations very seriously.

Councilor Elmore asked whether Ms. Balser believed in "legislating by social media." Ms. Balser initially said social media gave a voice to people and had some value for sharing opinions and information, acknowledging some people "have no control of themselves" on those platforms. When pressed by Councilor Elmore for a yes or no, Ms. Balser said: "Yes, I think there's some good to it that we can hear people's opinions and what they want done for the city." Councilor Elmore then asked how important it was for residents to attend council meetings and participate through Poll Council as opposed to social media. Ms. Balser affirmed that attending meetings was "extra important," though she added that busy residents watching remotely should not "lose their voice."

Councilor Elmore then posed similar questions to President Pro Tem Morrison. On executive committee confidentiality, President Pro Tem Morrison stated it was "extremely important," explaining that executive session often involves proprietary business information or employment matters that, if disclosed, could cost the city a business deal or create legal exposure. When asked whether a city attorney should divulge executive session information in writing outside of that session, President Pro Tem Morrison stated: "That's more of a legal question as to whether or not he has the authority to do that. There's no way I can answer that for him."

Treasurer Luke called time, concluding the second round of debate.

<u>Vote – Round Two</u>

Treasurer Luke announced the final vote. The voting order was: Councilor Elmore, Councilor Dixon, President Pro Tem Morrison, Councilor Harcar, Councilor Brown, Councilor McCann, and Councilor Adkins.

The votes were cast as follows:

- Councilor Elmore: Jim Graham
- Councilor Dixon: Patricia Balser
- President Pro Tem Morrison: Patricia Balser
- Councilor Harcar: Jim Graham
- Councilor Brown: Jim Graham
- Councilor McCann: Patricia Balser
- Councilor Adkins: Patricia Balser

Treasurer Luke tallied the results: Patricia Balser received four votes; Jim Graham received three votes. Patricia Balser received the majority vote and was declared the appointed President of Council.

> With a majority vote of 4–3, Patricia Balser was duly appointed President of Council effective this meeting.

Treasurer Luke announced: "Miss Balser has been voted in. We will now proceed with the swearing-in of the President of Council."

City Attorney Nicodemus clarified, in response to a question from Councilor McCann, that the swearing-in would take place within the same meeting, after which the public would be invited back into chambers to observe. A brief recess was requested before continuing.

Prior to the continuation of regular agenda items, the swearing-in of Patricia Balser as Council President took place. The oath of office was administered, with Ms. Balser repeating the oath in full, swearing to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio, and the charter, laws, and ordinances of the City of Whitehall, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of City Council President, as appointed. Following the oath, Patricia Balser assumed the chair as Council President for the remainder of the meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Administration and Financial Management

Chairperson Elmore reported that the Administration and Financial Management Committee had met the previous week and that the minutes were on file. She noted that the committee had several pieces of legislation on the evening's agenda and announced that the committee would meet the following Tuesday again at 6:30 PM.

Community and Elder Advocacy

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

Community Standards and Enforcement

Chairperson McCann reported that the Community Standards and Enforcement Committee had met the previous Tuesday, that the minutes were on file, that there was no legislation for the evening, and that the committee would meet again the following Tuesday.

Economic Development

Chairperson Dixon reported that the Economic Development Committee had met the previous week, that the minutes were on file, that there was one piece of legislation up for adoption that evening, and that the committee would meet again the following week after 6:30 PM.

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services

Chairperson Brown reported that the Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services Committee had met the previous week, that the minutes were on file, and that the committee planned to meet the following Tuesday again at 6:30 PM.

Public Safety

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

Parks and Recreation

Chairperson Adkins reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met the previous week, that the minutes were on file, and that the committee would meet again the following Tuesday sometime after 6:30 PM.

Officials' Reports

Mayor Michael T. Bivens

Mayor Bivens addressed Council and members of the public, acknowledging the length of the meeting. Before delivering his official report, the Mayor made an executive decision on behalf of an attendee present late in the evening and suggested she be excused following the official reports given the hour.

The Mayor then turned to an upcoming civic observance, noting that September 11 — the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil — was approaching. He announced that beginning the following day, his office would be accepting interest from members of the public who wished to participate in a card-writing event to be held at City Hall. Mayor Bivens described September 11 as a day of service, and stated that the event would be designed to honor first responders and veterans. He clarified, in response to a question from Councilor Dixon, that "cards" referred to greeting cards and postcards — participants would gather in Council Chambers to write cards for community members. The Mayor expressed hope that the event would grow organically and invited the public to contact his office beginning the next morning.

City Auditor Shaquille Alexander

City Auditor Alexander was absent. In his stead, Councilor Brown shared notes on his behalf. Preliminary August financial figures were reported as follows: income taxes stood at $23,900,000 as of August 31, exceeding the total for all of 2025 at the same point in time. The General Fund balance stood at $7,360,000 greater than the start of the year. The operating reserve, combined with the Budget Stabilization Fund, stood at $8,910,000. Councilor Brown offered the summary remark: "Numbers do not lie."

City Attorney Bradley S. Nicodemus

City Attorney Nicodemus reported that the past two weeks had been busy and reminded Council members and the administration that a significant amount of ordinances and legislation was currently being prepared. He noted his continued availability to assist with drafting and acknowledged that several Council members had already reached out to him for help in that regard.

Treasurer Janell Luke

Treasurer Luke was not present at this time.

Director of Public Service Casey Rowlands

Director Rowlands reported no official business for the evening but took the opportunity to inform the public that East Broad Phase 4 construction was underway. She cautioned that the project would cause changes to traffic patterns, particularly at Yearling Road and Broad Street, and encouraged residents to use alternate routes during peak hours — specifically 5th Avenue to the north and Main Street to the south.

Director of Economic Development Jackie Russell

Director Russell reported no official business for the evening but asked Council for favorable consideration of Resolution No. 034-2026. Consistent with the Mayor's earlier note regarding the lateness of the hour, she indicated she would be departing immediately following the vote on that legislation.

Director of Public Safety Van Gregg

Director Gregg was not present.

Director of Neighborhoods Gerald Wright

Director Wright was not present.

President Patricia Balser

President Balser stated there have been no official reports filed in the Council office since the last meeting.

Communications, Petitions, and Claims

President Balser read into the record a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5 license for Fresh Corner Store, LLC, located at 4295 and 4297 East Main Street, Unit A, Whitehall, Ohio 43213.

President Balser read into the record a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new C1 license for Smokes N More, LLC, D.B.A. Prime Mart, located at 3940 East Main Street, Whitehall, Ohio 43213.

Poll Public

Micole Spicer, a resident of Whitehall, addressed the Council. She stated that she had been watching the proceedings from the lobby and wished to express that she was "very disappointed" by the appointment made earlier in the evening. She characterized the appointee as someone who had caused "great chaos, confusion, and division," and said it was deeply disappointing that such an individual had been elevated to a leadership position on City Council.

Jim Graham, a citizen of Whitehall, addressed the Council. Mr. Graham offered a contrasting perspective, specifically focused on the selection process rather than the outcome. Having been involved in similar processes approximately ten times, including periods during which he served as Council President and observed other presidents run their own processes, Mr. Graham stated that the process used that evening was "probably the fairest, most honest selection process" he had ever witnessed. He urged Council to adopt the process formally, saying: "If you don't adopt this, shame on you. This is the way it should be done every single time there is a position available on council." He acknowledged the process was somewhat complex but assured members they would get used to it. He concluded by addressing the outcome directly: "The vote is over. This is Whitehall City Council — one city council. Make it that way. It is up to you people sitting up there to do that. She can't do it by herself."

Verification of Copies

President Balser called for the verification of copies. The Clerk called the roll to confirm that each member of Council had received a copy of each item of legislation listed on the agenda, including any add-on legislation, prior to the meeting.

All seven members — McCann, Dixon, Brown, Elmore, Morrison, Harcar, and Atkins — responded in the affirmative.

Third 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.

> Motion to introduce Resolution No. 034-2026 and move for its adoption was made by Councilor Dixon and seconded by Councilor McCann.

Prior to the vote, Councilor McCann offered brief comments, stating he wished to thank the administration, the Mayor, and the Director of Economic Development, characterizing the agreement as "the kind of thing that puts a positive spin on the direction that we're moving in this city" and expressing excitement about its potential benefit to Whitehall's citizens.

No further discussion was offered.

> Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Resolution No. 034-2026 was adopted, 7-0.

Second Reading

There was no legislation for Second Reading.

First Reading

Ordinance No. 084-2026

Approving and Making a Fund Transfer in the Amount of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 89/100 Dollars ($57,920.89) from Unappropriated Monies in the General Fund (101) to the Debt Service Fund (401).

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 084-2026 and move for the suspension of all rules was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Brown.

There was a brief procedural clarification at the dais regarding the terminology "unappropriated" monies.

No questions or discussion were raised.

Suspension Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Rules suspended.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 084-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Brown.

Adoption Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Ordinance No. 084-2026 was adopted, 7-0.

Ordinance No. 085-2026

Authorizing and Approving a Fund Transfer in the Amount of Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six and 09/100 Dollars ($68,576.09) from Unappropriated Monies in the General Fund (101) to the Debt Service Fund (401).

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 085-2026 and move for the suspension of all rules was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison.

No questions or discussion were raised.

Suspension Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Rules suspended.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 085-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison.

Adoption Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Ordinance No. 085-2026 was adopted, 7-0.

Ordinance No. 086-2026

Amending Part Three, Appendix – Traffic Schedule II, of the Traffic Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, entitled "Stop Intersections" by Adding a Stop Sign at E Mound Street and Bernhard Road and Creating All-Ways Stop Intersection and Declaring an Emergency.

No action was taken beyond the title reading.

Ordinance No. 087-2026

Amending Appendix – Traffic Schedule IV, of the Traffic Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, entitled "Parking Prohibited All Times" and Declaring an Emergency.

No action was taken beyond the title reading.

Ordinance No. 088-2026

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing an Appropriation Transfer of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($10,000.00) within the General Fund (101) from the Special Uniform Expense Account (101.960.51620) to the Police Tech Expense Account (101.960.58314) and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 088-2026 and move for the suspension of all rules was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison.

No questions or discussion were raised. There was a brief procedural exchange at the dais to confirm the proper sequence of the vote on suspension before proceeding.

Suspension Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Rules suspended.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 088-2026 was made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison.

Adoption Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Ordinance No. 088-2026 was adopted, 7-0.

Resolution No. 039-2026

Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission, Authorizing Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Motion to introduce Resolution No. 039-2026 and move for the suspension of all rules was made by Councilor Brown and seconded by Councilor Harcar.

No questions or discussion were raised.

Suspension Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Rules suspended.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 039-2026 was made by Councilor Brown and seconded by Councilor Harcar.

Adoption Vote: McCann — Yes; Dixon — Yes; Brown — Yes; Elmore — Yes; Morrison — Yes; Harcar — Yes; Adkins — Yes. Resolution No. 039-2026 was adopted, 7-0.

Poll Public

No one spoke.

Community Date Board

Councilor Harcar announced that the Ethiopian New Year celebration, known as Enkutatash, would be held on the coming Saturday at Whitehall Community Park at the YMCA. The event was set to begin at approximately 3:00 PM and conclude at 6:00 PM. In response to a question from Councilor Dixon about what the event would include, Councilor Harcar described food, music, and performances — including by youth programs associated with ETSS and other community partners. She invited the public to come out and support the immigrant community.

Councilor Morrison added that Kona Ice had announced a free fair event for that day and the following day.

Poll Council

Councilor McCann opened by thanking all candidates who had applied and gone through the appointment process. He specifically praised Mr. Graham for his public comments on the process, calling it "a very classy move." He stated his agreement with Mr. Graham that the process ought to be formalized going forward. Turning directly to the newly seated Council President, Councilor McCann acknowledged that there were "issues in the past" that painted a different picture, and challenged her to remain impartial and to move forward constructively with all members of the dais. He closed with a candid remark regarding events of the evening: "As far as what occurred here tonight, I was a part of it, but I will fight fire with fire whenever I see it. And right or wrong, I'm not apologizing." He added that the public was the only party to whom he owed an apology.

Councilor Dixon thanked attendees and those viewing from home, and specifically thanked each of the applicants for the Council President position by name: Mr. Graham, Mr. Long, Ms. Henson, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Balser, and Mr. Vogel, for their time and interest. He concurred with Mr. Graham's comments regarding the fairness of the process, and extended particular thanks to City Attorney Nicodemus, who he said had done "a lot of hard work amidst his already heavy schedule" in developing the process. Councilor Dixon echoed Councilor McCann's challenge to the new Council President, expressing belief in "her capacity to be professional and, despite any things in the past, rise above that and put forward the greatest level of impartiality." He briefly addressed what he described as a tendency on the dais to announce firsts, and attempted to congratulate Council President Balser as the first female president of Council, before being gently corrected from the gallery by Mr. Graham, who noted that Lynn Ochsendorf had previously held the role. Councilor Dixon graciously accepted the correction, offered his apologies, and extended his congratulations regardless.

Councilor Brown began by thanking those present and those watching from home. He stated clearly that he had a personal relationship with Ms. Balser and had no issues with her "as a human being," expressing genuine belief that she wanted to do well for the community. However, Councilor Brown articulated serious concerns about the process by which the appointment was reached, suggesting there had been "multiple potential violations of meeting laws." He noted that when Ms. Balser was asked whom she had spoken with prior to the appointment, she indicated she had spoken with multiple Councilors, yet he stated he was not among them, and confirmed that neither Councilor Harcar nor Councilor Elmore had been contacted. He further stated that when he asked Councilor Morrison why the appointee would be a better candidate than the individual who had served in the role for multiple terms, "he didn't explain his answer, didn't want to explain his answer." Councilor Brown also challenged the accuracy of statements made during the proceedings regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) incentives, suggesting a misunderstanding of how such financial tools are used — a misunderstanding he described as particularly concerning given that a recall effort appeared to be predicated upon it. He then read a passage from George Orwell's Animal Farm as a closing allegory, describing how the pigs — initially champions of equality — gradually altered the rules and justified behaviors they once condemned, until "the other animals look through the farmhouse window at the pigs sitting with the humans and can no longer distinguish one from the other." He closed by expressing hope that the community could begin "to have open and honest conversations about the things that we're seeing."

Councilor Elmore thanked those who remained in chambers at the late hour and acknowledged all applicants for their patience with what she described as a lengthy process. She joined her colleagues in extending thanks to Attorney Nicodemus for the process he developed, calling it "probably one of the fairest processes" and urging Council to formally adopt it as standard procedure. She then addressed at length the subject of financial incentives in economic development, pushing back directly on skepticism expressed by others. She stated that financial incentives are critical to the growth of the city, asserting: "If we don't grow, we die. That's the bottom line." She described the city's work to attract responsible development — referencing a new blueprint that limits certain types of businesses such as gas stations — and emphasized that business incentives represent a quid pro quo: "What do we get for what we give?" She acknowledged that the administration and Council had made numerous attempts to educate the public through PowerPoint presentations and public conversations, and encouraged those with misgivings about incentives to engage with the Economic Development Director and relevant committee chairs. In pointed closing remarks, she stated: "If it is a thorn in your side to give incentives, then maybe you're not fit to be a part of council. Maybe you need to grow as a person and ask some questions."

Councilor Morrison offered brief, conciliatory remarks. He thanked everyone in attendance and everyone watching, and thanked all participants in the appointment process. He extended special thanks to City Attorney Nicodemus for setting up and laying out the selection framework, and gave particular recognition to Treasurer Luke for chairing the process, noting she had done "an excellent job" despite feeling "a little out of place" and that "it's a little tougher sitting up here than what you realize." He closed by wishing everyone a good week.

Councilor Harcar also thanked all applicants for their willingness to participate, observing that "it is not easy to get up and answer a lot of questions" on a short turnaround timeline. She expressed that part of the discomfort felt among some members of the Council was a broader desire to ensure transparency in the process from the beginning, stating: "It does feel a little disheartening when we talk about transparency and processes are not put up that are transparent." She praised Attorney Nicodemus's "Death by Lightning" scoring methodology with good humor, encouraging others to look it up, and characterized it as "a very creative process." On the question of accountability and consistency, Councilor Harcar noted that some members who initially advocated for an open public process appeared to change their position once the likely candidate pool became apparent, admonishing: "I would ask you to set your rules and write them down because they seem to often flip-flop." Turning directly to Council President Balser, she acknowledged that the position would be a difficult one, observing that "you're going to make a lot of people mad with nearly every decision that you make." She encouraged the new Council President to approach the role with an open mind, and specifically asked her to engage with those who had supported Mayor Bivens and Councilor Elmore — including those "who admire her and see the work that she has put into this city for over a decade" — rather than only those aligned with the recall movement. She closed by personally asking Council President Balser to stand with her when "people say awful and hateful things" regarding those she cares for.

Councilor Adkins offered brief closing remarks, thanking Mr. Graham for "sticking around and throwing your name in the hat." He stated that he found the process to be "pretty fair" and that he had never participated in an appointment process that "seemed it could be as fair as that." He thanked those watching at home and concluded his remarks.

Adjourn

With no further business before the Council, President Balser declared the meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 15, 2026

Patricia Balser, President of Council

City of Whitehall
City Council Committee Meeting
September 8, 2026 Minutes

Administration/Council of the Whole Matters

President Patricia Balser opened the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

Committee of the Whole

Draft No. 1
Ordinance No. 089-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 195 OF THE WHITEHALL CODIFIED ORDINANCES REQUIRING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND ETHICS TRAINING FOR OFFICE HOLDERS.

Ordinance 089-2026 was introduced for a Committee of the Whole first reading with rules suspended and adopted; the vote is scheduled for September 15, 2026. The ordinance would amend the Whitehall Codified Ordinances by creating Chapter 195, requiring financial disclosure statements and ethics training for officeholders. President Balser noted the legislation was requested by City Auditor Alexander, who was not in attendance, and asked City Attorney Nicodemus to speak to it.

City Attorney Nicodemus explained that the ordinance is a process common to other communities and was prompted in part by a management letter recommendation from the city's external auditors, who had noted that a member of city council had not properly completed their annual financial disclosure statement. He noted that, as a home rule municipality, Whitehall has some flexibility in how penalties are structured compared to the Ohio Ethics Commission (OEC) standards.

Councilor Dixon expressed significant reservations, arguing that the legislation was largely redundant with what the OEC already requires—namely, the filing of a financial disclosure statement and completion of the Ohio Ethics Law e-course. Councilor Dixon questioned why new local legislation with its own penalties was necessary simply because one council member had not "properly completed," a form, noting the ordinance's language did not specify what "properly" meant. He also raised concern that the legislation would place the independently elected City Auditor in a position of authority over City Council. Councilor Dixon noted that a failure to file could result in a third-degree misdemeanor (up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine), and a knowingly false filing could result in a first-degree misdemeanor (up to 180 days in jail and a $1,000 fine).

Several council members shared their own experiences with the existing OEC filing process. Councilor Morrison and Councilor Adkins both recalled missing filing deadlines in the past and paying associated late fines, noting that the OEC's notifications moved from mail to email, creating challenges. Councilor Elmore noted that the OEC provides reminders and that the online course itself takes only a few minutes.

Councilor Harcar expressed support for required ethics training, stating she had personally completed 50 to 60 hours of training upon entering her role and found it difficult to vote against any measure requiring such training. She emphasized that training helps officials recognize unintentional ethical missteps and that ongoing refreshers are valuable. Councilor Harcar offered to email City Auditor Alexander directly to invite him to respond to questions raised, and noted his responses could be shared publicly before the September 15 vote.

Councilor Brown emphasized that the legislation appeared to be a response to an external audit compliance recommendation and suggested it would be appropriate to simply address what auditors had flagged.

Councilor Elmore recommended that the auditor be given an opportunity to publicly explain his rationale before the vote, rather than having questions addressed solely through private communication. Councilor Harcar acknowledged the point but noted that any responses received from the auditor could be read into the record at the following council meeting.

Councilor McCann suggested an alternative approach: rather than duplicating the full OEC process locally, council could consider separate legislation requiring ethics training as a standalone obligation. City Attorney Nicodemus confirmed that individual provisions could be amended or that separate legislation could be introduced.

City Attorney Nicodemus also provided context, explaining that the recommendation stems from the external auditors' management letter and that it is not uncommon for long-standing city processes to come under scrutiny when new oversight eyes review them. He acknowledged that acquiescing to regulatory or auditor recommendations, even when processes have been in place for decades is a routine feature of government.

> A motion to suspend the rules, then adoption of Ordinance 089-2026, will be made by Councilor Brown and seconded by Councilor Harcar. The vote is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Draft No. 2
Ordinance No. 090-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE 073-2026; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO 161.38.

The ordinance amends Ordinance 073-2026 and updates Section 161.38, the city's salary schedule, for multiple positions.

Councilor Elmore noted this is a routine piece of legislation the city performs regularly, reflecting a 2.8 percent fiscal year increase applied to various position salary ranges. She emphasized that inclusion within a salary range does not guarantee placement at the top of that range, allowing the city to hire competitively while rewarding experienced employees.

Councilor Dixon asked about a change in the salary schedule that struck "office clerk" and replaced it with "deputy clerk of council." Council Clerk Ogg clarified that, rather than hiring an assistant clerk of council as previously discussed, the decision was made to hire a part-time deputy clerk of council (approximately 24 hours per week) beginning in early spring, with the intent that this person would be trained to succeed her upon her retirement on January 1, 2028. The pay range of up to $34.13 per hour was modeled after the deputy clerk of courts position.

Councilor Brown noted that minimum salary floors had been removed from the schedule, providing more flexibility in hiring while also ensuring there is no hard floor that could constrain the city's ability to compensate new hires appropriately.

> A motion to suspend the rules, then adoption of Ordinance 090-2026 will be made by Councilor Harcar and seconded by Councilor McCann. The vote is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Sunshine Law / Rules Discussion

Prior to moving to standing committees, Councilor Harcar raised questions regarding a potential Sunshine Law violation and the status of any follow-up investigation. City Attorney Nicodemus responded and used the opportunity to propose several procedural reforms for council's consideration, aimed at rebuilding public trust and improving governance practices.

City Attorney Nicodemus recommended that council consider eliminating the pre-meeting agenda session that currently takes place before the formal council meeting begins, noting that the informal gathering creates an opportunity for inadvertent serial communications about upcoming legislation. He suggested council simply convene its formal meeting at 6:30 PM.

He further recommended a standing executive session rule that would automatically include all relevant city officials—the mayor, auditor, city attorney, and directors—without requiring them to be named separately each time council enters executive session.

City Attorney Nicodemus also proposed that council formally designate all executive session communications as privileged, and that a rule or ordinance be enacted to that effect with associated penalties for unauthorized disclosure, in order to protect the integrity of those proceedings.

Additionally, he recommended that each council member be required to complete the Ohio Attorney General's three-hour online training on public records and open meetings within three months of starting or returning to a term, with a copy of the completion certificate filed with the clerk.

He suggested that key governance rules—particularly those intended to rebuild trust—require a supermajority to amend or repeal, to prevent a simple majority from undoing them in the future.

City Attorney Nicodemus indicated he was also exploring whether an independent outside entity might be engaged to review the circumstances surrounding a previous meeting, including whether any impropriety occurred and what the appropriate remediation might be, though he acknowledged some difficulty in finding willing participants given the visibility of the matter.

Councilor Harcar expressed support for an independent investigation, stating that the meeting in question involved more than a divided vote—specifically, that council was not permitted to discuss legislation prior to a vote, which she described as an unprecedented experience in nearly three years of service. She affirmed that whatever the outcome of an investigation, she would accept the findings.

Councilor Elmore supported allowing the investigative process that had been started to reach its conclusion. She also asked City Attorney Nicodemus to provide his proposed rule recommendations in writing for council's review.

Councilor Elmore asked about the practical implications of eliminating the pre-meeting agenda session, particularly regarding last-minute legislation. City Attorney Nicodemus addressed the question and noted that the Rules of Council addresses the last minute legislation.

Councilor Elmore briefly noted that there had been a rumor circulating about the council president potentially rearranging council seating, and stated as the senior legislator that she was not interested in such changes. Council President Balser dismissed the rumor, and City Attorney Nicodemus confirmed that the standard seniority-based seating arrangement would result in only minor changes from the current configuration.

Councilor Dixon and Councilor Brown engaged in a broader exchange about the sources of division on council and in the community. Councilor Dixon maintained that his public criticism of the administration has been evidence-based and documented, and that erosion of trust results from unaddressed conflicts of interest rather than from those who raise concerns about them. Councilor Harcar responded by publicly requesting that any documented evidence of wrongdoing be brought to council rather than posted solely on social media or a personal blog, so the full council and the public in attendance could review it.

President Balser called for the discussion to move forward. Councilor Elmore emphasized that all council members bear collective responsibility for self-reflection and that effective governance requires data, facts, and productive communication rather than social media-driven politics. Councilor Brown echoed this sentiment, urging that all council members resist the impulse to legislate from social media or ambush colleagues and the administration.

City Attorney Nicodemus closed by recommending a structured community mediation or conflict resolution process facilitated by a neutral external trainer, and indicated he would send information to council about available resources. Several council members, including Councilor Elmore, noted that funding for trainings had already been budgeted. Councilor Harcar stated she had previously completed the Voinovich Academy training as well as a divided communities training, and expressed openness to further opportunities.

Administration and Financial Management

Chairperson Elmore opened the Administration and Financial Management Committee at 7:48 PM.

Draft No. 3
Ordinance No. 091-2026

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($18,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE LABOR RELATIONS ACCOUNT (101.900.51010), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chairperson Elmore explained that the city has been engaged in collective bargaining negotiations with labor organizations representing city employees. The existing balance in the account was $43,555.21, but actual expenditures have reached $63,018, creating a shortfall. The request, supported by a memo from Human Resources Director Wentz, cited the need for specialized outside legal counsel to support employment and labor matters, upcoming collective bargaining negotiations, and other employment legal needs through the end of the fiscal year. City Auditor Alexander also reviewed and supported the appropriation. There was no discussion from other members.

> A motion to suspend the rules, then adoption of Ordinance 091-2026 will be made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Morrison. The vote is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Draft No. 4
Ordinance No. 092-2026

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER XXX CONTRACTING PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING MINIMUM CITY CONTRACT AWARDS TO MINORITY BUSINESSES.

Chairperson Elmore, the lead sponsor, with Councilor McCann as co-sponsor, provided a detailed overview. She explained that the legislation is intended to provide economic opportunity to minority-owned businesses that have been disproportionately impacted, to level the playing field for smaller businesses competing for city contracts, and to encourage large general contractors to partner with MBEs through financial incentives.

Chairperson Elmore noted that the core definitions in the ordinance mirror Ohio State law exactly, so no additional certification burdens are placed on businesses beyond existing state requirements. MBEs must be certified by the State of Ohio or another municipality with an established certification program for at least one year to be eligible.

The primary set-aside provision, under Section XXX.02(A), requires the city to set aside purchases for competition exclusively among MBEs up to 15 percent of the estimated total value of all purchases to be made in the current fiscal year. Chairperson Elmore clarified that this does not guarantee an award—MBEs must still compete through the city's standard competitive selection process, and if no MBE bid is submitted, the purchase proceeds through the usual process. MBEs are also not precluded from competing for contracts outside the set-aside program.

An accountability clause provides that any person who intentionally misrepresents themselves as an MBE owner for the purpose of obtaining contracts or benefits shall be guilty of theft by deception under the Codified Ordinances or the Ohio Revised Code.

Section XXX.02(E) addresses corporations or firms benefiting from city-provided tax abatements or tax credit development incentives, requiring that their construction and purchasing contracts align with the MBE participation goals. City Attorney Nicodemus acknowledged that this language might need some wordsmithing to improve clarity.

The ordinance also establishes MBE participation counting rules for joint ventures, proportionally owned businesses, commercially useful functions, and materials and suppliers. An income tax reimbursement incentive is available to general contractors who partner with MBEs, providing up to 25 percent or $50,000—whichever is less—of local employment taxes paid as a reimbursement, creating a financial motivation for large contractors to subcontract with smaller MBE firms.

An annual reporting requirement directs the City Auditor, in conjunction with the Director of Economic Development and Director of Public Service, to report on the total dollar amount and percentage of contracts awarded to MBEs each year.

Chairperson Elmore and Councilor McCann both emphasized that accountability and checks and balances are central to the ordinance's design, noting that Directors Russell and Rowlands would play key oversight roles. Councilor McCann described the legislation as "affordable business" in the same spirit as affordable housing initiatives—providing concrete action rather than aspirational statements.

Councilor Brown raised a concern about the potential for bad actors to create shell MBE entities to circumvent the intent of the ordinance, and questioned how the city would guard against established contractors setting up minority-named subsidiaries solely to capture set-aside contracts. Chairperson Elmore and City Attorney Nicodemus noted that the state MBE certification process—requiring at least one year of certification—provides an initial safeguard, and that the accountability and penalty clauses address fraudulent misrepresentation. Council members agreed that this concern should be further addressed before the vote, and Chairperson Elmore asked that it be submitted in writing for the city attorney to respond to.

Councilor Harcar raised the question of whether a dollar cap on participating organizations might help ensure the program targets smaller businesses rather than large MBEs. Councilor Adkins offered that the nature of city contracts—ranging from landscaping to major paving work—naturally limits which contractors can compete for which jobs, and that large general contractors are unlikely to target small municipal set-aside contracts. Chairperson Elmore reiterated that the incentive structure is designed specifically to encourage large contractors to subcontract portions of their work to smaller MBEs, allowing firms that lack the capital to compete for large contracts independently to still participate in city work.

Councilor Brown also asked whether the involved departments had raised concerns about the administrative capacity needed to oversee annual reporting and compliance monitoring. Chairperson Elmore acknowledged this was a fair question and that, as the program is new, it is not yet fully known what staffing demands may arise. She indicated it may eventually result in additional duties being added to an existing employee's classification or the need for supplemental support.

Councilor Dixon asked whether the ordinance applies only to city-procured contracts or more broadly. Chairperson Elmore confirmed it applies exclusively to purchases and contracts that the city itself is required to make through competitive selection—not to private businesses or residents operating within the city.

Councilor Dixon also asked whether a provision could be added to include sexual orientation and gender identity in the non-discrimination language, consistent with the city's existing anti-discrimination ordinance. Councilor Harcar supported the suggestion, noting it would align the ordinance's language with what Whitehall already has on the books. City Attorney Nicodemus indicated the language could be updated accordingly.

Councilor Brown suggested that "Hispanic" in the definitions be expanded to "Hispanic and Latinx" to be more inclusive, and council members agreed this was a reasonable change.

Councilor Dixon requested that staff or the directors provide data on the disparity in minority business contracting in Whitehall and the broader region, to substantiate the need for the ordinance and help council members evaluate it before the October 20 vote. Chairperson Elmore indicated she would follow up with Directors Rowlands and Russell to provide that information.

City Attorney Nicodemus noted a recent federal regulatory change removing race and sex-based presumptions from federal DBE certification, and Chairperson Elmore stated that, based on her consultation with the city attorney, this federal change does not appear to preclude the city from maintaining its own local MBE contracting procedures under home rule authority.

Chairperson Elmore also shared a proposal to require that businesses receiving city contracts under the MBE provisions become members of the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce, providing additional economic connection to the local business community. Councilor McCann supported the idea.

Chairperson Elmore closed with a report from City Auditor Alexander on the city's financial position. Income tax collections through August total $23.9 million—the highest eight-month total on record and approximately $1.2 million ahead of last year's record pace. August alone generated $2.8 million, more than double August of the prior year. The General Fund balance has grown from $2.3 million at the end of 2023 to $6.9 million today, with an additional $1.55 million Budget Stabilization Fund that did not exist two years ago, bringing total operating and reserve funds to $8.4 million. General Fund spending is tracking at 61 percent of budget through two-thirds of the fiscal year, consistent with prior years, and revenue growth is outpacing expenditures. Chairperson Elmore noted that the auditor provides monthly-reconciled financial reports, bar charts, and handouts to council.

A motion to introduce and adopt Ordinance 092-2026 will be made by Chairperson Elmore and seconded by Councilor McCann. Adoption is scheduled for October 20, 2026.

Draft No. 5
Resolution No. 040-2026
RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES.

Chairperson Elmore noted this is a routine and frequently recurring resolution required under Ohio Revised Code whenever "then and now" certificates exceed $3,000—affirming that funds were appropriated and available at the time of requisition. There was no substantive discussion.

> A motion to suspend the rules, then adoption of Resolution 040-2026 will be made by Councilor Elmore and seconded by Councilor Brown. The vote is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Chairperson Elmore closed Administration and Financial Management at 8:44 PM.

Community and Elder Advocacy

Chairperson Harcar opened the Community and Elder Advocacy Committee at 8:44 PM.

Chairperson Harcar thanked attendees from Saturday's Enkutatash celebration at the Whitehall YMCA, recognizing participants including the mayor, incoming State Representative Charity Martin King, and several council members. She noted the event featured cultural performances including a Nepali dance group, which she called particularly meaningful given recent events in Nepal, and drew several hundred community members.

Chairperson Harcar noted that September 8 is recognized as 9-8-8 Day, highlighting the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline as a resource available not only in acute emergencies but also for individuals experiencing stress or general mental health concerns. She noted that veterans can press one to be fast-tracked to a counselor, and that Franklin County operates a dedicated mental health crisis facility.

Councilor McCann shared an observation from a drive through Reynoldsburg, where a display of American flags—one for each life lost on September 11, 2001—was prominently visible near the police station. He expressed interest in exploring a similar display for Whitehall and indicated he would discuss the idea with Chairperson Harcar.

In connection with the approaching September 11 anniversary, Chairperson Harcar called on the community to perform a small act of service that day in the spirit of public remembrance, referencing the mayor's similar call to action.

Councilor Brown raised the Whitehall Ward Waste Wars initiative, noting that sign-ups for organizers would close one week from the meeting date. He indicated that organizers have been identified in Wards 1 and 4, and requested volunteers to step forward for Wards 2 and 3, as well as occasional volunteers in any ward.

Chairperson Harcar closed Community and Elder Advocacy at 8:56 PM.

Community Standards and Enforcement

Chairperson McCann opened the Community Standards and Enforcement Committee at 8:56 PM.

Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 086-2026 *(Comm Stan & Enf- 3rd Reading- ADOPT-10/06/2026-McCann/Harcar)*

> AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE II, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" BY ADDING A STOP SIGN AT E MOUND STREET AND BERNHARD ROAD AND CREATING ALL-WAYS STOP INTERSECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was no discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2026 *(Comm Stan & Enf- 3rd Reading- ADOPT-10/06/2026-McCann/Dixon)*

AMENDING, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IV, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED ALL TIMES" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was no discussion.

Chairperson McCann closed Community Standards and Enforcement at 8:57 PM.

Economic Development

Chairperson Dixon opened the Economic Development Committee at 8:58 PM.

There were no drafts or pending legislation before the committee. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Dixon closed the Economic Development Committee at 8:58 PM.

Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services

Chairperson Brown opened the Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services Committee at 8:58 PM.

There were no drafts or pending legislation. Chairperson Brown reported that, per Director of Public Service Rowlands, the Broad-Hamilton project is expected to be complete by November.

Councilor Dixon reminded council and residents that, given the Labor Day holiday, trash pickup that week would be Thursday morning rather than Wednesday.

Chairperson Brown closed the Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Services Committee at 8:59 PM.

Public Safety

Chairperson Morrison opened the Public Safety Committee at 8:59 PM.

There were no drafts or pending legislation. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Morrison closed the Public Safety Committee at 8:59 PM.

Parks and Recreation

Chairperson Adkins opened the Parks and Recreation Committee at 8:59 PM.

There were no drafts or pending legislation.

Councilor Harcar recognized Shannon Brady and the entire Parks and Recreation team for their work throughout the summer, including their participation in the Enkutatash celebration. She highlighted the upcoming Adaptive Disc Golf and Sports Clinic, scheduled for September 25–27, which provides adaptive sports programming including disc golf, yoga, and corn-hole for individuals with varying physical abilities, with a particular focus on veterans. Councilor Harcar encouraged residents to share information about the event, which is posted on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Chairperson Adkins closed the Parks and Recreation Committee at 9:02 PM.

There being no further business before the council, President Balser adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Submitted by:

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 15, 2026

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Patricia Balser, President of Council

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE CITY AUDITOR

Income Tax, General Fund, and Spending Summary

Financial results through August 31, 2026

Presented September 8, 2026

PRESENTED BY

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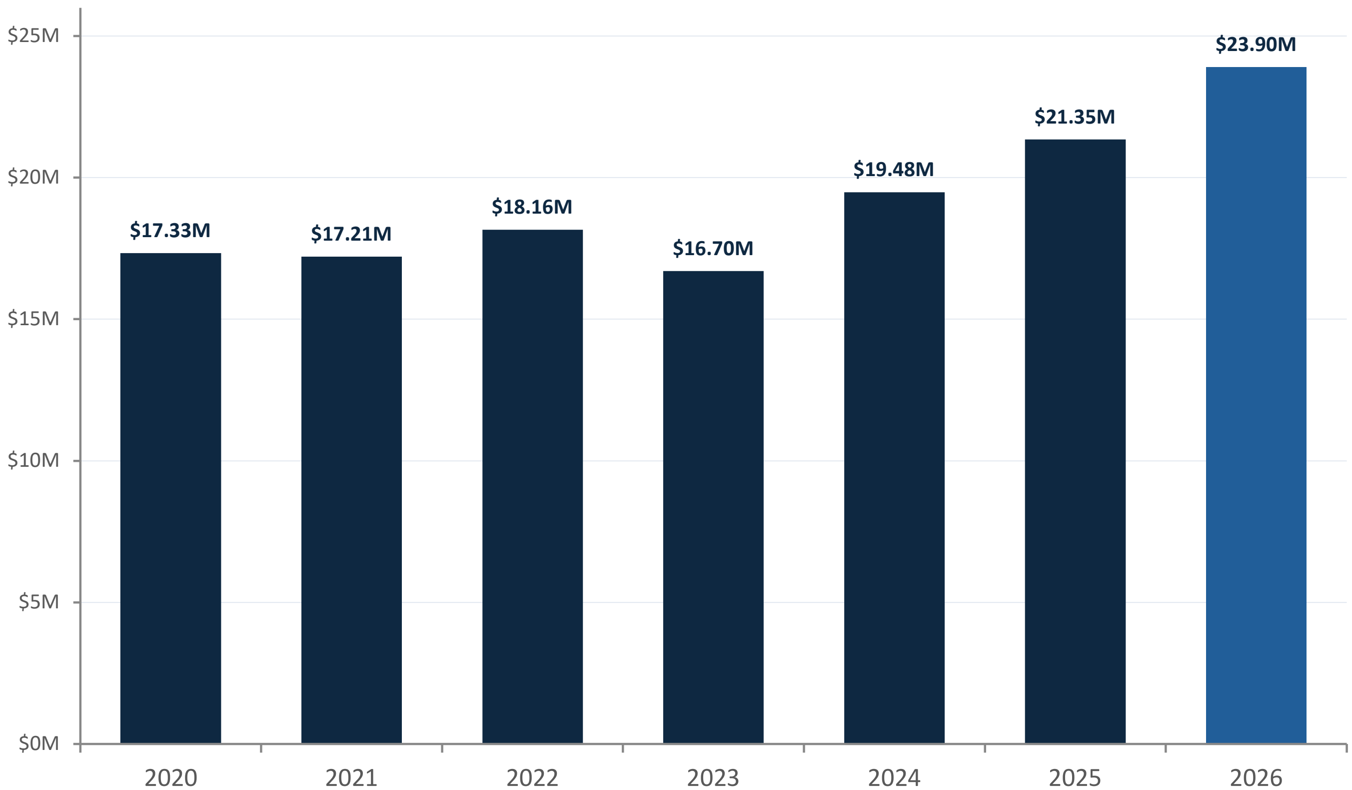
Income Tax Revenue Through August 31

Seven-year year-to-date comparison; General Fund Account 101.000.43000



Figures in millions; sum of monthly periods 1–8 (January through August).
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2026 AT A GLANCE

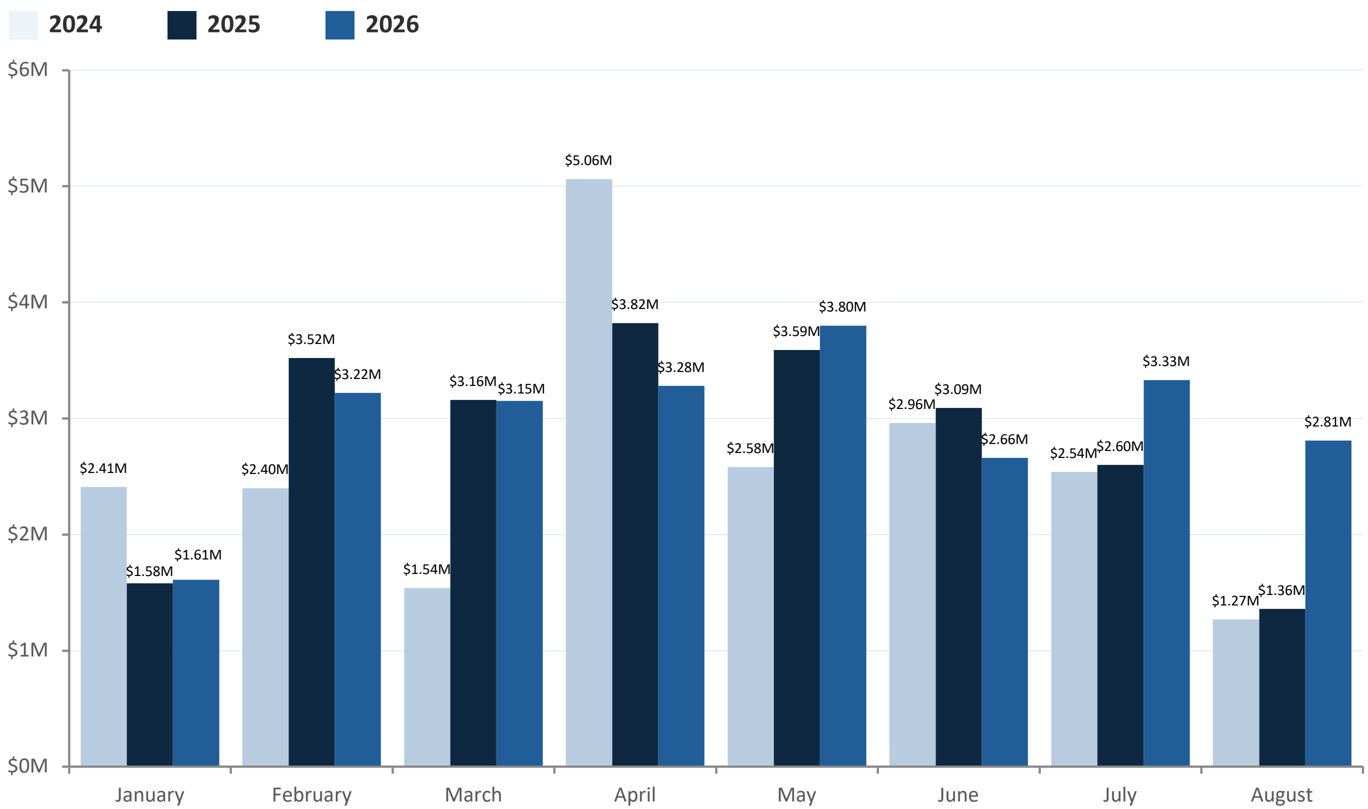
$23.90M

YTD collections through August 31, 2026

- Highest eight-month total on record
- Tracking +$1.19M (+5.25%) ahead of 2025's record pace; a $2.84M August flipped July's 1.4% deficit into a solid year-over-year lead
- +$4.28M (+21.8%) above 2020 levels

Income Tax Revenue by Month

Three-year monthly comparison; January through August



Figures in millions; General Fund Account 101.000.43000..

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MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS

August 2026 ($2.84M)
Strongest August of the seven-year record; +107.05% over August 2025, turning a 1.4% YTD deficit at July 31 into 5.10% growth.

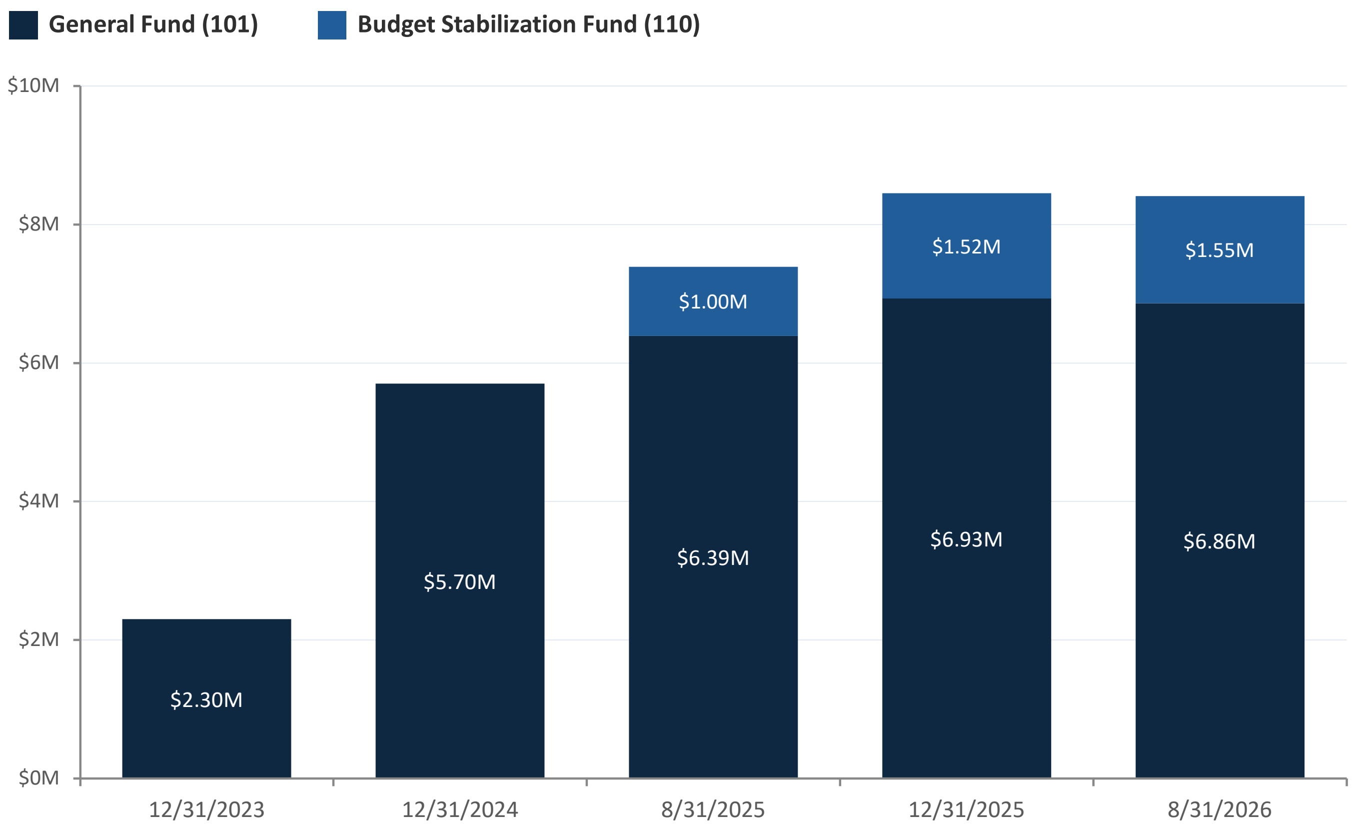
July and August surge
Back-to-back record months; the two-month total of $6.14M ran 55.05% ahead of the same stretch in 2025.

April timing
April 2024's $5.06M reflects annual-return filings that shifted from March; 2025 and 2026 Aprils remain healthy in the $3.3M–$3.8M range.

January cadence
Lower January receipts in 2025–2026 reflect a withholding deposit timing shift; recouped fully by February.

A Stronger, Better-Protected General Fund

General Fund balance is now backed by a dedicated Budget Stabilization Fund with unprecedented reserves



General Fund year-end balances. 2026 reflects unexpended balance as of 7/31/2026. Budget Stabilization Fund established and funded in 2025.

THE HEADLINE

$8.41M

Total operating and reserve funds on hand as of August 31, 2026

+$6.11M

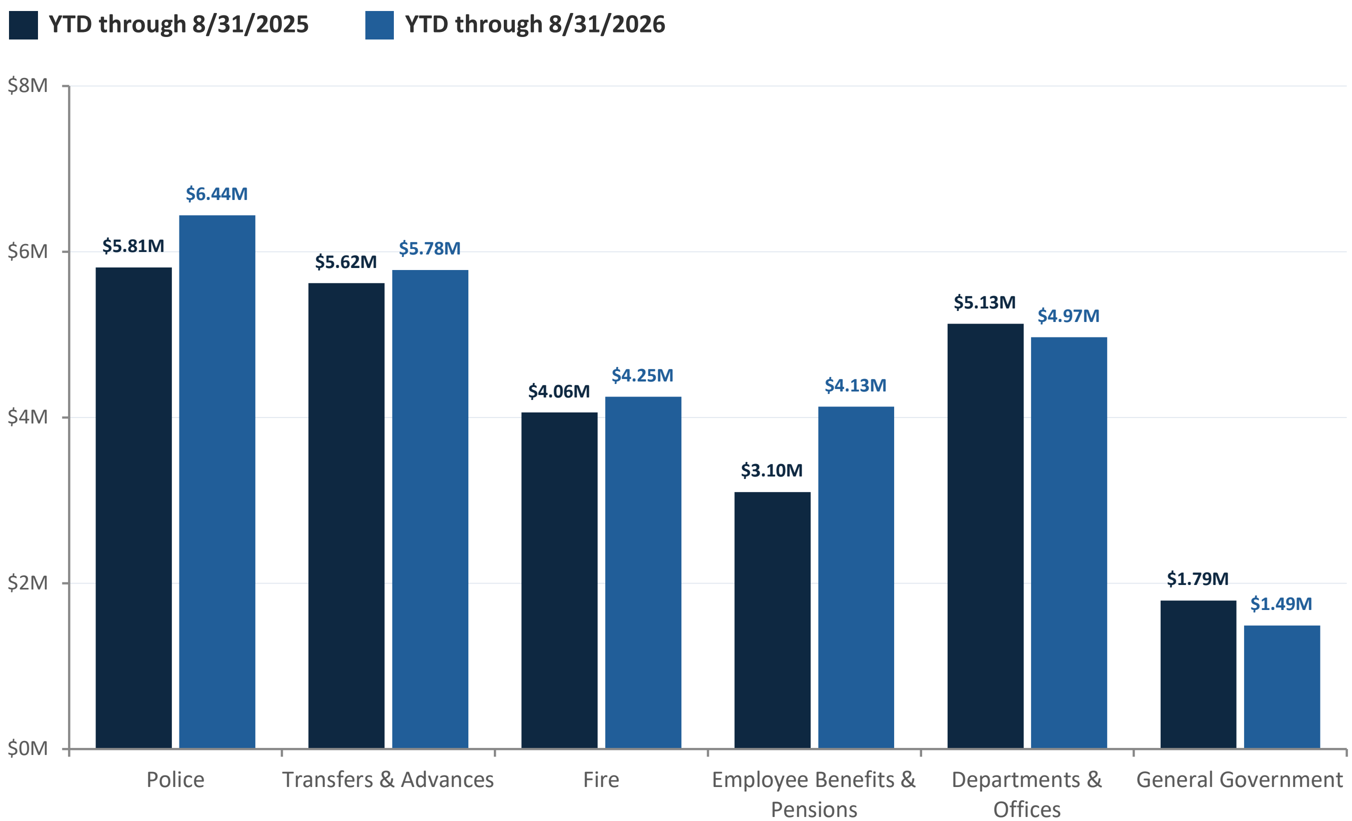
Growth since year-end 2023; roughly 3.7 times the 2023 balance

$1.55M

Budget Stabilization Fund; a dedicated emergency reserve funded in 2025

Spending Remains Controlled

General Fund expenditures through August 31; 2026 vs. 2025 by category, including transfers and advances



Figures in millions; YTD General Fund (101) expenditures per the Expense Report as of 8/31 of each year. Departments & Offices = Council, Mayor, Economic Development, Auditor, Income Tax, Treasurer, HR, Attorney, Service, Parks & Rec, Civil Service.

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THE HEADLINE

$27.05M

YTD expenditures through August 31, 2026; 60.96% of the $44.38M appropriation, in line with 2025 (61.02%)

64.20%

Committed including $1.44M of encumbrances; under the 66.67% pacing target at 8/31

$3.16M

August 2026 outlays; 1.2% below August 2025 ($3.20M)

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2026

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Introduction

This report summarizes the financial position of the City of Whitehall (City) on a monthly basis using year-to-date (YTD) and prior year information for comparison purposes. The document consists of three sections:

1. General Fund analysis
2. All Funds analysis
3. Investments

Each section contains graphs and schedules with supporting analysis. The General Fund section contains additional data used to measure and assess the City's financial condition; the objective is to emphasize the General Fund as the best overall indicator of the financial health of the City and to utilize All Funds for a comprehensive view. A summary of investments is also included.

Amounts are drawn from the City's accounting system as of the report date and are unaudited. Upon review of the information provided, the Auditor's Office is available to answer questions or provide additional data; please do not hesitate to contact the office at 614.237.9803.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Auditor & Tax Commissioner

General Fund — Summary of Financial Results

CASH BALANCE

1. Chart 1 illustrates a YTD variance of ($71,648) between revenue ($26,980,937) and expenses ($27,052,585) of the General Fund (101), the City's primary operating fund; August disbursements of $3,160,767 exceeded receipts of $3,062,454, returning the year-to-date net to a modest deficit. The August 31 cash balance is $6,855,942; net of outstanding encumbrances of $1,438,337, the unencumbered carryover is $5,417,606. Combined with the Budget Stabilization Fund (110) balance of $1,554,171, total available General Fund reserves are $6,971,777.

REVENUE

1. YTD revenue of $26,980,937 has been received through August 31. Income tax collections of $23,868,413 comprise approximately 88% of General Fund receipts and are 5.1% ahead of the same period of 2025, reversing the 1.4% shortfall reported at July 31. August collections of $2,807,824 more than doubled the $1,356,117 received in August 2025, a month in which a portion of receipts was deferred into September 2025; the comparison should be read with that timing in mind. Chart 2 provides a monthly illustration of these collections and the Income Tax section provides additional analysis.

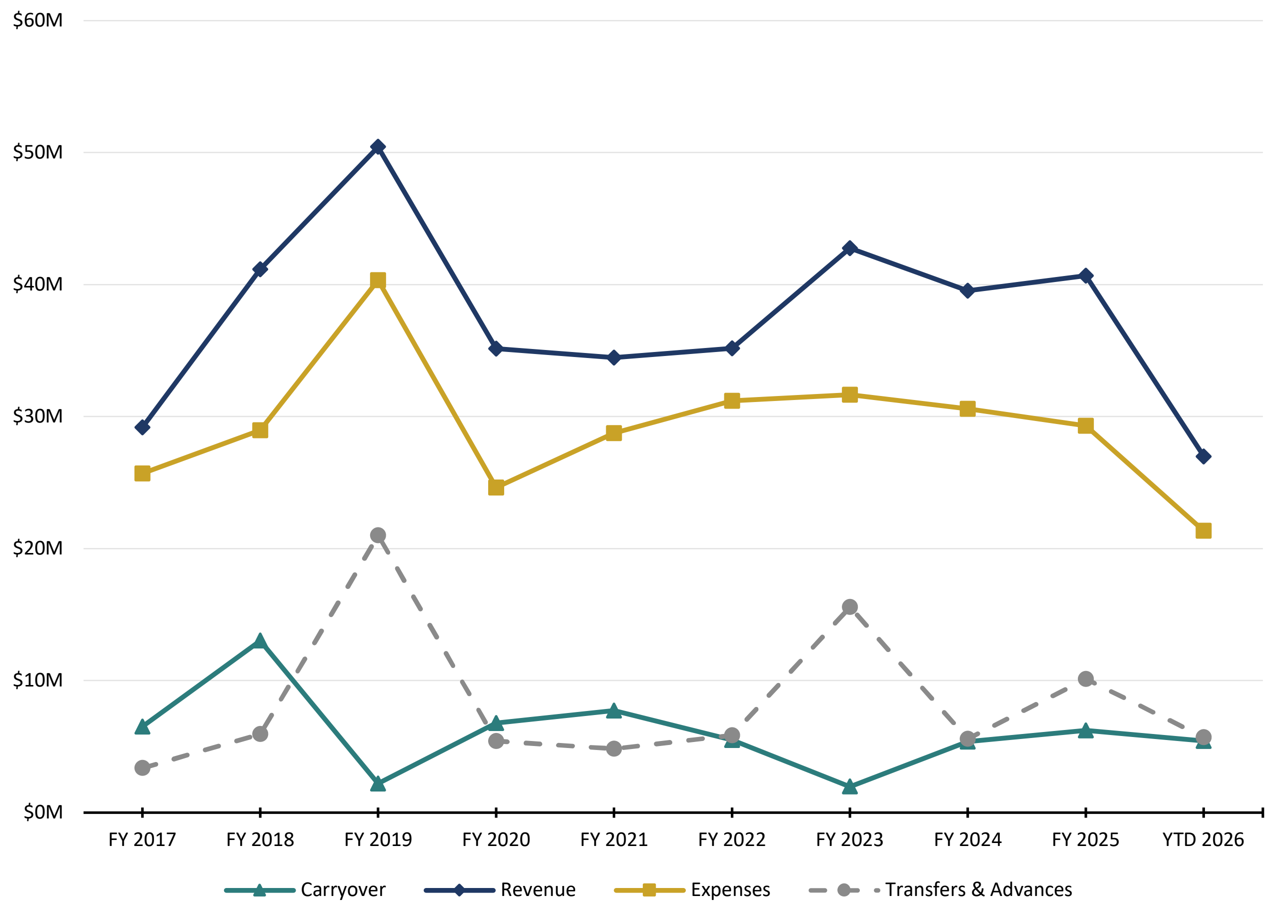
EXPENSE

1. YTD expenses of $27,052,585 include $5,468,124 of transfers and $311,229 of advances to other funds, of which $61,229 was repaid by the Energy Project Fund (810) during the year and is recorded in General Fund receipts (account 101.000.49900, Advance Back), leaving net advances of $250,000 to the Fleet Reserve & Maintenance Fund (313); operating expenditures excluding transfers and net advances are $21,334,461. The General Fund has expended 61.0% of its $44,378,657 in current appropriations with the budget year 66.7% complete; including encumbrances, 64.2% of appropriations are committed.

2. Recurring end-of-month (EOM) allocation transfers, which distribute General Fund revenues to their supported funds under the City's formula rate structure, account for $3,887,953 of YTD transfer activity; the remaining $1,580,171 reflects ordinance-directed transfers approved by Council, including the $150,000 transfer to the Community Development Trust Fund (550) authorized by Ordinance 083-2026 in August to fund the Community Disaster Relief program for homeowners affected by severe storms.

General Fund — Cash Balance

CHART 1: General Fund (101) — Revenue, Expenses, and Carryover



Fiscal years 2017 through 2025 and YTD August 31, 2026. In the chart, expenses exclude transfers and advances, which are shown as their own series; carryover is the unencumbered year-end balance. The table below reports total disbursements including transfers, as presented in the Statement of Cash Position; Carry % is carryover as a percentage of that year's revenue.

Year	Beginning	Revenue	Expenses	Encumbrances	Carryover	Carry %
2017	7,251,429	29,182,559	29,053,828	873,491	6,506,669	22.3%
2018	7,380,160	41,140,736	34,902,686	596,576	13,021,634	31.7%
2019	13,618,210	50,435,017	61,344,828	503,193	2,205,206	4.4%
2020	2,708,399	35,138,398	30,044,894	1,015,383	6,786,520	19.3%
2021	7,801,903	34,454,152	33,587,629	941,420	7,727,005	22.4%
2022	8,668,426	35,172,422	37,035,282	1,319,027	5,486,538	15.6%
2023	6,805,565	42,760,795	47,233,151	365,323	1,967,886	4.6%
2024	2,333,209	39,538,368	36,186,353	317,542	5,367,681	13.6%
2025	5,685,223	40,658,669	39,416,303	716,595	6,210,995	15.3%
YTD 2026	6,927,590	26,980,937	27,052,585	1,438,337	5,417,606	n/a

Reserve analysis. Over fiscal years 2017 through 2025, the unencumbered carryover has averaged 16.6% of annual revenue (roughly 60 days of revenue).

Budget Stabilization Fund. Fund 110 carries a target of 5% of prior year revenue; measured against 2025 General Fund revenue of $40,658,669, the target is $2,032,933. The August 31 balance of $1,554,171 funds 76.4% of the target, presenting capacity of $478,762.

General Fund — Transfers & Advances Detail

General Fund transfers out (account 101.950.59999) and advances (account 101.950.59990, net of repayments), fiscal years 2017 through YTD August 31, 2026. EOM allocation transfers are the recurring end-of-month distributions of General Fund revenues under the City's formula rate structure.

Year	EOM Allocation Transfers	Ordinance & Special Transfers	Total Transfers	Advances (Net)	Total Transfers & Advances
2017	2,485,439	887,786	3,373,226	-	**3,373,226**
2018	2,797,750	2,795,588	5,593,338	350,000	**5,943,338**
2019	2,771,756	18,059,533	20,831,289	179,450	**21,010,739**
2020	2,926,124	2,668,960	5,595,084	(175,000)	**5,420,084**
2021	3,773,243	1,071,259	4,844,502	-	**4,844,502**
2022	3,865,449	1,416,612	5,282,061	568,279	**5,850,340**
2023	4,701,454	10,798,607	15,500,061	79,779	**15,579,841**
2024	3,741,058	1,801,205	5,542,263	50,000	**5,592,263**
2025	5,436,704	4,598,942	10,035,646	75,000	**10,110,646**
YTD 2026	3,887,953	1,580,171	5,468,124	250,000	5,718,124
Total	**36,386,932**	**45,678,664**	**82,065,595**	**1,377,507**	**83,443,103**

Advance amounts are shown net of repayments received within the same year; negative amounts indicate repayment of an advance originated in a prior year. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar and columns foot on unrounded amounts, which may differ from the sum of rounded components by $1. 2026 advances of $311,229 ($250,000 to the Fleet Reserve & Maintenance Fund (313) and $61,229 to the Energy Project Fund (810)) are presented net of the $61,229 repaid by Fund 810 in 2026, which the accounting system records as General Fund receipts in account 101.000.49900 (Advance Back) rather than as a credit to the advance expense account.

EOM ALLOCATION TRANSFERS BY RECEIVING FUND

Each month, as the books are closed, the City sets aside a share of General Fund receipts for specific ongoing needs: replacing capital equipment and technology, maintaining the City's fleet, water and sewer mandates, economic development, and insurance and benefit reserves. These end-of-month (EOM) allocations follow percentage rates adopted by City Council and the schedule below shows where each year's allocations went. Amounts exclude one-time transfers directed by separate Council ordinances, which several of these funds also receive.

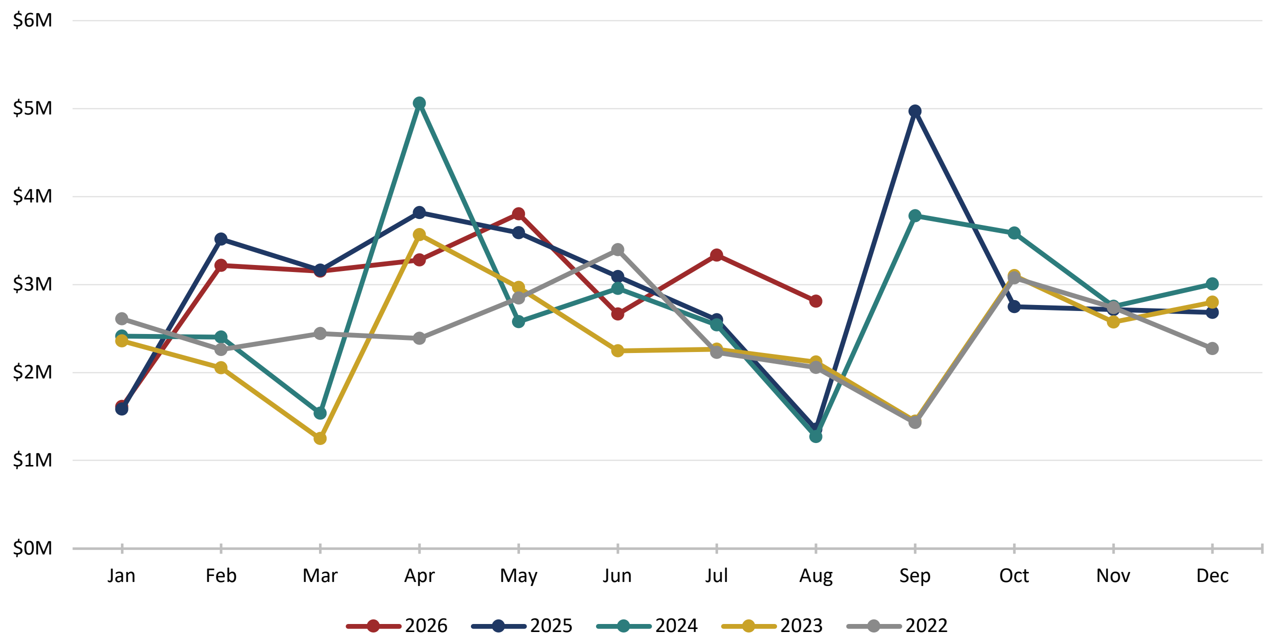
Receiving Fund	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD 2026
305 Water/Sewer Mandate Improvement	181,711	307,783	353,540	174,238	345,427	351,724	427,794	223,848	406,587	269,809
311 Capital Improvement Program	875,464	923,350	707,081	538,405	1,295,351	1,318,966	1,604,227	402,340	447,409	337,262
312 Capital Equipment Replacement	72,955	76,946	-	-	-	-	-	105,897	101,647	67,452
313 Fleet Reserve & Maintenance	409,809	492,453	565,665	196,536	172,713	175,862	213,897	480,241	468,484	404,714
314 Information Technology	519,442	547,854	629,302	625,463	614,860	626,069	761,473	948,300	1,212,741	539,619
315 Computer Life Cycle Replacement	61,282	64,634	74,243	73,791	72,540	73,862	89,837	59,057	158,118	110,622
316 Economic Development Incentives/Planning	291,821	307,783	353,540	878,460	863,568	879,311	1,069,485	953,263	326,578	539,619
505 Accrued Benefit Reserve	72,955	76,946	88,385	87,846	63,357	87,931	106,948	133,590	-	-
511 Self-Funded Insurance Trust	-	-	-	351,384	345,427	351,724	427,794	434,522	2,315,142	1,618,856
Total EOM Allocation Transfers	**2,485,439**	**2,797,750**	**2,771,756**	**2,926,124**	**3,773,243**	**3,865,449**	**4,701,454**	**3,741,058**	**5,436,704**	**3,887,953**

Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar and columns foot on unrounded amounts, which may differ from the sum of rounded components by $1.

Allocation trends. Three movements in the schedule stand out. The Information Technology allocation has roughly doubled since 2020, reaching $1.2 million in 2025; the City engaged in a multiyear technology update after suffering a cyberattack in 2022. The Capital Improvement Program share has fallen sharply since 2023, from $1.6 million to under $500 thousand annually; the City has engaged in an intensive capital improvement plan, funded largely by Ohio Public Works Commission and Ohio Water Development Authority loans, which are repaid from the General Fund (101), and the Water Sewer Mandate (305) and Sewer and Water Utility Funds (840/841), respectively. The Self-Funded Insurance Trust, first funded in 2020, has grown into the largest single EOM recipient at $2.3 million in 2025 and $1.6 million through August 2026, as the City has experienced higher than usual medical claims and other costs; these costs are offset via stop loss reimbursements. These shifts also reflect the changes in allocation percentages and budgetary mechanisms in effect in each year and provide relevant background for the update of the General Fund percentage transfer formula, whenever applicable.

General Fund — Income Tax Revenue

CHART 2: General Fund Income Tax Revenue (101.000.43000)



Each line represents a year of income tax collections; the points along each line represent individual months. The red line represents 2026.

Year	YTD Collections (Jan–Aug)	$ Change vs Prior YTD	% Change	Full-Year Actual
2022	20,217,876.19	n/a	n/a	29,729,047.58
2023	18,821,689.26	(1,396,186.93)	(6.9%)	28,738,195.02
2024	20,754,316.71	1,932,627.45	10.3%	33,873,375.58
2025	22,711,013.13	1,956,696.42	9.4%	35,824,516.50
2026	23,868,412.97	1,157,399.84	5.1%	n/a

Income tax is the General Fund's dominant revenue source, comprising approximately 88% of YTD receipts. Through August, 2026 collections of $23,868,413 lead 2025 by $1,157,400, or 5.1%, a reversal from the 1.4% shortfall at July 31. The swing is driven by August collections of $2,807,824, which ran 107.0% ahead of August 2025; that month was unusually light at $1,356,117 and was followed by the September 2025 spike of $4,969,613, so a meaningful portion of the current lead reflects the timing of last year's receipts rather than underlying growth, and the year-over-year comparison is expected to tighten at September 30. 2025 was itself a record collection year, and 2026 YTD remains ahead of the comparable period in 2024 by 15.0% and in 2023 by 26.8%. Monthly collections are inherently uneven due to withholding remittance schedules, quarterly estimate due dates, and the annual filing season. Collections will continue to be monitored monthly against budget, and revenue estimates will be adjusted through the year as warranted.

General Fund — Expenditure Analysis

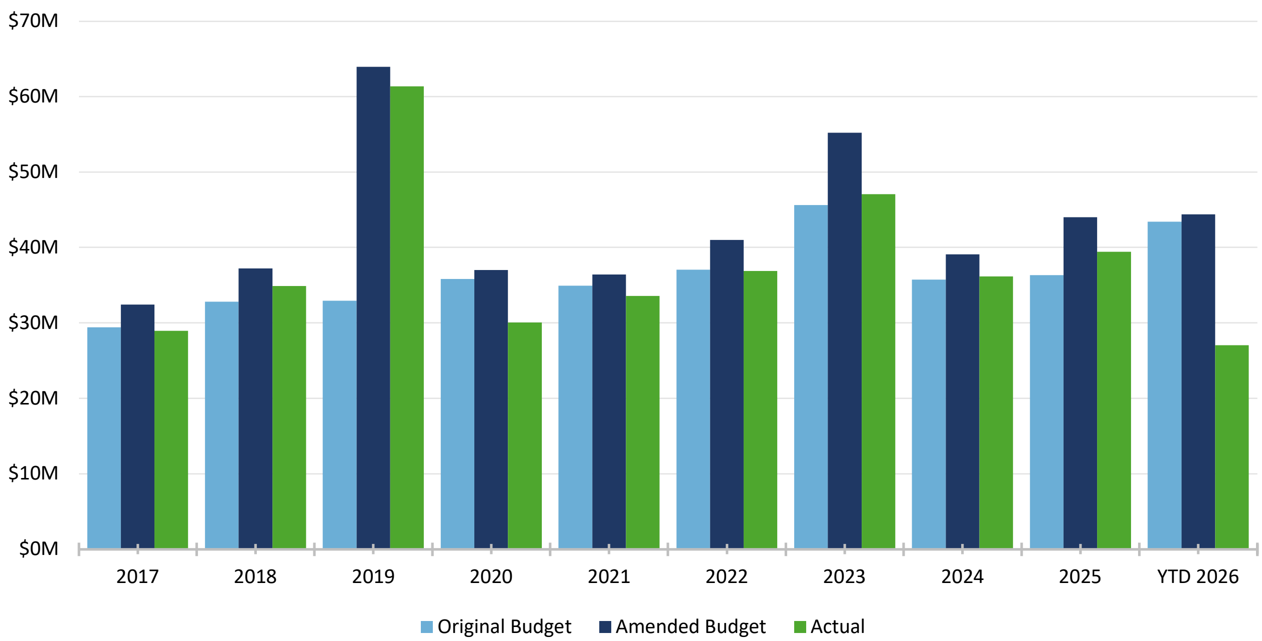
General Fund Expenditures — YTD August 31, 2026	Amount	% of Approp.
Current appropriations (as amended)	44,378,656.51	100.0%
YTD expenditures (including transfers & advances)	27,052,584.55	61.0%
Less: transfers to other funds	(5,468,123.81)	
Less: advances, net of Fund 810 repayment	(250,000.00)	
Operating expenditures excluding transfers & net advances	**21,334,460.74**	
Outstanding encumbrances	1,438,336.55	3.2%
Total expended & encumbered	**28,490,921.10**	**64.2%**

Advances per the General Fund advance account (101.950.59990) total 311,228.60: 250,000.00 to the Fleet Reserve & Maintenance Fund (313) and 61,228.60 to the Energy Project Fund (810). Fund 810 repaid its advance during 2026; the repayment is recorded as General Fund receipts in account 101.000.49900 (Advance Back) and is therefore netted here, consistent with the Transfers & Advances schedule. Net advances outstanding at August 31 are 250,000.00.

With the budget year 66.7% completed at August 31, the General Fund has expended 61.0% of current appropriations and committed 64.2% including outstanding encumbrances, tracking modestly below the elapsed portion of the year. Transfers and net advances of $5,718,124 ($5,779,352 before the $61,229 Fund 810 repayment recorded in receipts) represent 21.1% of YTD expenditures; the recurring EOM allocation transfers distribute shared receipts to supported funds monthly, while ordinance transfers fund specific capital, debt service, and other obligations as directed by Council. Council amended the General Fund appropriation by a net $84,000 in August: $80,000 to Code Enforcement Salaries to support an increase in wage for the current enforcement officer and an additional full-time officer (Ord. 074-2026), $4,000 for board and commission mileage (Ord. 082-2026), and a $30,000 reallocation from the Assistant to the Director of Neighborhoods and Safety Director salary lines to the newly established City Planner position (Ord. 075-2026). Ordinance 081-2026, adopted August 18 as non-emergency legislation, authorizes a $500,000 transfer to the Self-Funded Insurance Trust Fund (511) to meet elevated medical claims; the transfer had not been posted as of August 31 and will be reflected in the September report.

General Fund — Budget vs. Actual, 2017–2026

CHART A: General Fund Original Budget, Amended Budget, and Actual Expenditures (including transfers and advances)



Fiscal years 2017 through 2025 present final-year figures; 2026 presents the current appropriation against actual expenditures through August 31.

Year	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual Expenditures	% of Original	% of Amended
2017	29,428,716.22	32,432,054.64	28,940,232.57	98.3%	89.2%
2018	32,807,010.14	37,218,799.27	34,902,683.22	106.4%	93.8%
2019	32,931,618.37	63,960,352.85	61,344,827.69	186.3%	95.9%
2020	35,832,363.09	37,025,716.79	30,044,893.85	83.8%	81.1%
2021	34,935,774.04	36,410,155.74	33,582,629.24	96.1%	92.2%
2022	37,052,994.31	40,991,341.86	36,868,475.59	99.5%	89.9%
2023	45,630,456.48	55,189,080.51	47,060,419.71	103.1%	85.3%
2024	35,752,770.05	39,065,729.76	36,179,029.28	101.2%	92.6%
2025	36,327,369.08	44,017,621.36	39,416,302.80	108.5%	89.5%
YTD 2026	43,418,619.67	44,378,656.51	27,052,584.55	62.3%	61.0%

Notes. Consistent with GASB Statement 34, the original budget includes appropriation amounts carried forward automatically by law, so prior-year encumbrances are presented within the original budget; supplemental appropriations and appropriation transfers constitute the amendments, as detailed in the composition schedule below. The 2026 appropriation is as of August 31, 2026, consistent with the expenditure analysis of this report. Actual amounts for 2017 through 2025 are drawn from the Expense Budget Worksheet exports for a consistent basis; they differ from the Statement of Cash Position by no more than $172,732 (0.5%) in any year due to accounts since marked inactive. The 2019 and 2023 years are elevated by non-recurring transfers and facility financing activity: 2019 carried $31.0 million of supplemental appropriations against a $32.6 million original budget, and 2023 carried $8.3 million of appropriation transfers.

AMENDED BUDGET COMPOSITION

Year	Original Appropriation	PY Encumbrances	Original Budget	Supplementals	Approp. Transfers	Amended Budget
2017	29,119,885.00	308,831.22	**29,428,716.22**	2,944,571.58	58,766.84	**32,432,054.64**
2018	32,176,824.00	630,186.14	**32,807,010.14**	4,399,792.00	11,997.13	**37,218,799.27**
2019	32,638,071.00	293,547.37	**32,931,618.37**	31,028,734.48	0.00	**63,960,352.85**
2020	35,405,498.00	426,865.09	**35,832,363.09**	1,193,353.70	0.00	**37,025,716.79**
2021	34,241,906.00	693,868.04	**34,935,774.04**	1,509,381.70	(35,000.00)	**36,410,155.74**
2022	36,397,503.00	655,491.31	**37,052,994.31**	1,926,791.27	2,011,556.28	**40,991,341.86**
2023	45,124,162.00	506,294.48	**45,630,456.48**	1,288,038.86	8,270,585.17	**55,189,080.51**
2024	35,548,989.00	203,781.05	**35,752,770.05**	1,655,449.38	1,657,510.33	**39,065,729.76**
2025	36,092,305.45	235,063.63	**36,327,369.08**	5,645,100.00	2,045,152.28	**44,017,621.36**
YTD 2026	42,870,198.31	548,421.36	**43,418,619.67**	898,808.24	61,228.60	**44,378,656.51**

General Fund — Actual Expenditures by Department

Economic Development was included in the Mayor's Office budget in previous years; this department now has its own department for accounting purposes and is presented separately. General Government reflects citywide operating costs (utilities, insurance, refuse, engineering, and similar) excluding transfers and advances, which are presented separately. Totals may differ from the sum of rounded figures by $1.

Department	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD 2026
Council	134,035	110,707	115,696	108,600	120,741	129,589	140,304	133,860	138,088	103,996
Mayor & Mayor's Court	717,648	818,593	1,025,597	852,371	1,220,672	1,184,561	1,253,165	1,144,558	1,358,511	1,036,099
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384,016
Auditor	302,990	301,748	301,560	264,021	298,241	310,017	319,249	307,666	330,500	408,536
Income Tax Office	1,153,703	1,323,500	1,431,589	1,672,957	1,967,657	2,580,969	2,500,350	2,091,479	2,072,674	1,073,983
Treasurer	8,606	8,622	8,580	12,500	12,500	11,058	12,500	15,000	15,200	6,173
Human Resources	228,929	234,699	213,557	221,588	192,821	216,042	186,197	202,606	238,070	212,933
Attorney	311,363	321,478	372,640	403,794	396,321	398,571	458,016	408,178	442,235	343,797
Public Service	440,306	484,147	508,786	431,462	526,989	497,098	530,718	602,931	664,311	331,617
Parks & Recreation	748,469	1,481,191	1,024,467	816,872	1,269,495	1,299,231	1,339,513	1,215,283	1,393,026	1,039,460
Civil Service	28,329	18,386	55,055	16,643	35,407	43,939	46,786	33,350	47,970	26,633
Employee Related	7,535,884	7,607,690	8,966,291	7,546,802	7,367,071	7,588,817	7,688,444	7,464,464	5,186,538	4,125,607
General Government	2,835,959	4,170,088	14,417,994	2,452,177	2,829,761	2,913,158	2,955,456	2,710,844	2,872,084	1,494,405
Police	6,521,223	7,294,681	7,118,705	6,957,574	7,421,339	8,436,193	8,518,157	8,551,747	8,546,295	6,440,243
Fire	4,599,562	4,783,814	4,773,571	2,867,449	5,079,112	5,408,894	5,531,726	5,704,801	6,000,155	4,245,734
Transfers & Advances	3,373,226	5,943,338	21,010,739	5,420,084	4,844,502	5,850,340	15,579,841	5,592,263	10,110,646	5,779,352
Total General Fund	**28,940,233**	**34,902,683**	**61,344,828**	**30,044,894**	**33,582,629**	**36,868,476**	**47,060,420**	**36,179,029**	**39,416,303**	**27,052,585**

General Fund — 2026 Budget vs. Actual by Department

Department	Original Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Unencumbered	% Used
Council	228,375.62	228,375.62	103,996.10	1,849.28	122,530.24	45.5%
Mayor & Mayor's Court	1,728,090.00	1,713,090.00	1,036,099.20	97,972.71	579,018.09	60.5%
Economic Development	533,236.00	563,236.00	384,015.67	30,955.71	148,264.62	68.2%
Auditor	670,016.57	745,016.57	408,535.74	25,610.81	310,870.02	54.8%
Income Tax Office	2,306,434.02	2,306,434.02	1,073,983.45	7,715.06	1,224,735.51	46.6%
Treasurer	16,200.00	16,200.00	6,173.05	0.00	10,026.95	38.1%
Human Resources	281,259.71	289,559.71	212,933.36	7,868.23	68,758.12	73.5%
Attorney	560,606.00	560,606.00	343,797.00	12,381.45	204,427.55	61.3%
Public Service	585,841.00	668,541.00	331,617.20	25,604.46	311,319.34	49.6%
Parks & Recreation	1,632,330.22	1,632,330.22	1,039,459.79	196,568.47	396,301.96	63.7%
Civil Service	29,200.00	29,200.00	26,633.36	1,500.00	1,066.64	91.2%
Employee Related	6,300,469.25	6,304,469.25	4,125,606.55	103,400.25	2,075,462.45	65.4%
General Government (950)	3,035,997.56	3,509,497.56	1,494,405.12	408,197.48	1,606,894.96	42.6%
Police	10,886,557.65	10,871,557.65	6,440,242.92	261,093.56	4,170,221.17	59.2%
Fire	6,967,580.84	6,972,889.08	4,245,733.63	257,619.08	2,469,536.37	60.9%
Transfers & Advances	7,656,425.23	7,967,653.83	5,779,352.41	0.00	2,188,301.42	72.5%
Total General Fund	**43,418,619.67**	**44,378,656.51**	**27,052,584.55**	**1,438,336.55**	**15,887,735.41**	**61.0%**

Transfers & Advances are presented on the appropriation (gross) basis in this schedule and in the department history above, 5,779,352.41, so that YTD actual ties to the Expense Report; net of the 61,228.60 Fund 810 advance repayment recorded in receipts, transfers and advances are 5,718,123.81 as presented in the Transfers & Advances schedule and Chart 1.

All Funds — Summary of Financial Results

All funds other than the General Fund and Budget Stabilization Fund fall into five major categories:

1. Special Revenue — funds with a specific revenue source, such as a grant, tax levy, or TIF, with restricted expenditure requirements
2. Capital Projects — funds used to pay for capital projects, equipment, and infrastructure
3. Debt Service — the fund used for principal and interest payments on City borrowings
4. Internal Service & Trust — funds used for self-funded insurance, benefit reserves, and trust purposes
5. Enterprise, Agency & Custodial — utility funds and funds held for collection and distribution purposes

Across all funds, the City began 2026 with $30,660,141 in cash, received $43,920,498, and disbursed $44,434,269 through August 31, for an ending balance of $30,146,370; net of $8,156,941 in encumbrances, the unencumbered carryover across all funds is $21,989,429. Of note, the WMPITIE TIF Fund (279) holds $9,135,037 ($5,939,434 unencumbered), the largest single balance outside the General Fund, and the utility funds (840, 841) hold a combined $2,153,583. August activity outside the General Fund included $904,147 of receipts and $991,228 of disbursements in the OWDA Improvement Fund (325) as project costs were reimbursed, and the receipt of the $150,000 General Fund transfer to the Community Development Trust Fund (550) for the Community Disaster Relief program. The YTD Fund Balance Detail on the following pages provides the financial position of each fund.

All Funds — YTD Fund Balance Detail

As of August 31, 2026. Ending Balance = Beginning + Receipts − Disbursements; Carryover = Ending Balance − Encumbrances.

Fund	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance	Encumbrances	Carryover
	General Funds						
101	General	6,927,589.68	26,980,937.04	27,052,584.55	6,855,942.17	1,438,336.55	5,417,605.62
110	Budget Stabilization Fund	1,515,241.27	38,930.02	0.00	1,554,171.29	0.00	1,554,171.29
	Total General Funds	**8,442,830.95**	**27,019,867.06**	**27,052,584.55**	**8,410,113.46**	**1,438,336.55**	**6,971,776.91**
	Special Revenue Funds						
201	St Maintenance & Repair	751,653.20	943,031.91	1,411,492.96	283,192.15	180,776.55	102,415.60
202	FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation	70,675.40	0.00	0.00	70,675.40	0.00	70,675.40
204	Columbus Blue Jackets Grant Fund	49,840.89	0.00	0.00	49,840.89	0.00	49,840.89
208	Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
209	American Rescue Plan Grant Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
211	State Highway	215,930.99	56,201.61	80,000.00	192,132.60	0.00	192,132.60
212	Police Department Grant Fund Program	386,277.52	21,590.00	49,021.92	358,845.60	25,200.83	333,644.77
215	Mayor's Department Grants Fund	24,773.85	75,500.00	51,733.82	48,540.03	0.00	48,540.03
218	Ohio Attorney General (OAG) Continuing Professional Training (CPT) Fund	153,782.74	54,647.73	0.00	208,430.47	0.00	208,430.47
221	Fire Department Grants Fund	9,002.20	0.00	0.00	9,002.20	0.00	9,002.20
225	Parks and Recreation Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
230	PD Enhancements Grant	5,955.66	0.00	0.00	5,955.66	0.00	5,955.66
241	Law Enforcement Trust Fund	198,935.90	103,092.00	157,932.21	144,095.69	32,483.38	111,612.31
243	Dept Of Justice Forfeiture	68,295.42	1,706.25	0.00	70,001.67	0.00	70,001.67
245	Evidence Setaside Fund	20,093.47	13,782.00	30,306.00	3,569.47	0.00	3,569.47
251	Mandatory Drug Fine Fund	73,202.47	1,410.00	0.00	74,612.47	0.00	74,612.47
252	Bulletproof Vests Grant	27,750.37	0.00	6,500.00	21,250.37	0.00	21,250.37
255	DA-PO Diversion Alternative - Project Opioid Grant	94,055.53	17,785.50	0.00	111,841.03	0.00	111,841.03
256	Franklin County Board Of Health Grant	3,794.31	0.00	0.00	3,794.31	0.00	3,794.31
260	PD Training Reimbursement	60,993.72	0.00	0.00	60,993.72	0.00	60,993.72
261	OMVI Enforce/Education Fund	16,490.10	0.00	0.00	16,490.10	0.00	16,490.10
263	Indg Drvr Itrlk/Alcohol Monitoring	8,379.02	0.00	0.00	8,379.02	0.00	8,379.02
267	Bulletproof Vests Grant	1,138.34	0.00	0.00	1,138.34	0.00	1,138.34
269	JAG Grants Fund	11,915.55	0.00	0.00	11,915.55	0.00	11,915.55
271	JAG - Justice Assistance Grants	18,157.67	545.00	5,584.97	13,117.70	0.00	13,117.70
279	WMPITIE Fund (TIF)	9,434,732.02	1,338,928.93	1,638,624.10	9,135,036.85	3,195,603.02	5,939,433.83
280	Police Department Tax Levy	723,548.99	428,338.41	234,687.25	917,200.15	0.00	917,200.15
290	Mayor's Court Computer Fund	21,659.48	2,342.00	5,795.74	18,205.74	5,140.26	13,065.48
291	Clerk Of Court Computerization	54,657.26	5,344.00	21,000.00	39,001.26	0.00	39,001.26
295	Hotel/Motel Tax	220,572.67	30,530.81	11,988.85	239,114.63	27,488.50	211,626.13
	Total Special Revenue Funds	**12,726,264.74**	**3,094,776.15**	**3,704,667.82**	**12,116,373.07**	**3,466,692.54**	**8,649,680.53**
	Capital Projects Funds						
301	Fire Dept New Equipment	1,024,638.16	395,315.32	200,055.82	1,219,897.66	335,475.93	884,421.73
302	Medical Supply Fund	344,374.20	144,815.37	125,927.34	363,262.23	11,435.89	351,826.34
303	Recreation Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
305	Water Sewer Mandate Imp	642,109.87	269,809.37	256,147.87	655,771.37	162,286.68	493,484.69
306	Signal Improvements	10,437.25	0.00	0.00	10,437.25	0.00	10,437.25
307	Streetscape Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
308	OPWC Projects	924.03	0.00	0.00	924.03	0.00	924.03

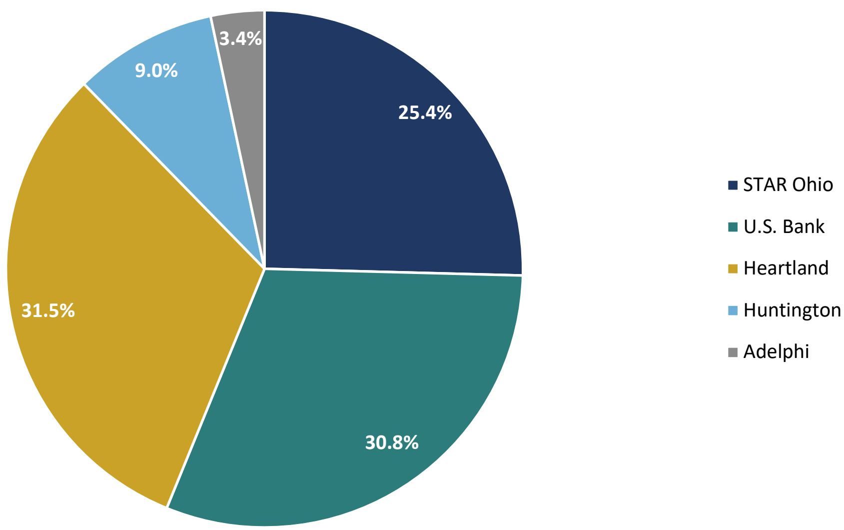
Fund	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance	Encumbrances	Carryover
309	OPWC-Issue 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
310	Capital Proj/Community Rec/Event Center	20,959.48	0.00	0.00	20,959.48	0.00	20,959.48
311	Capital Improvement/Proj Fund	204,988.70	483,541.71	218,874.86	469,655.55	154,125.03	315,530.52
312	Capital Eq Replacement Reserve	88,940.95	67,452.36	60,420.80	95,972.51	7,524.00	88,448.51
313	Fleet Reserve & Maint Fund	217,728.06	940,406.21	884,925.29	273,208.98	137,520.50	135,688.48
314	Technology Fund	319,641.17	539,618.74	489,643.05	369,616.86	114,727.68	254,889.18
315	Life Cycle Replacement	92,619.27	110,621.85	70,060.26	133,180.86	64,342.98	68,837.88
316	Economic Development Incentives/Planning	812,799.49	539,618.74	462,836.00	889,582.23	413,352.43	476,229.80
317	FC Infrastructure Bank	75,262.85	0.00	0.00	75,262.85	0.00	75,262.85
319	OPWC - Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
320	Municipal Fiber Project Fund	17,746.80	0.00	0.00	17,746.80	0.00	17,746.80
322	OPWC Improvement Fund	0.00	1,820,755.01	1,820,755.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
323	Clean Ohio Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
324	Police Building Renovation/Addition	1,041,841.89	19,263.00	331,627.64	729,477.25	40,000.00	689,477.25
325	OWDA Improvement Fund	695,189.52	1,048,647.32	1,554,521.72	189,315.12	189,315.12	0.00
330	City Hall Renovation	942,197.93	19,654.94	608,086.20	353,766.67	8,092.33	345,674.34
	Total Capital Projects Funds	**6,552,399.62**	**6,399,519.94**	**7,083,881.86**	**5,868,037.70**	**1,638,198.57**	**4,229,839.13**
	Debt Service Funds						
401	Debt Service	556,482.12	1,865,630.17	2,323,002.53	99,109.76	0.00	99,109.76
	Total Debt Service Funds	**556,482.12**	**1,865,630.17**	**2,323,002.53**	**99,109.76**	**0.00**	**99,109.76**
	Internal Service & Trust Funds						
501	COBRA - Extended Benefits	56,119.32	0.00	32,576.97	23,542.35	3,649.89	19,892.46
505	Accrued Benefit Reserve Fund	2,340.22	88,000.00	68,784.62	21,555.60	0.00	21,555.60
510	Unclaimed Funds	71,330.93	2,050.00	0.00	73,380.93	0.00	73,380.93
511	Self Funded Insurance Trust	420,788.43	3,556,277.22	3,139,351.45	837,714.20	641,958.37	195,755.83
540	COE Stormshed Project	392.98	0.00	0.00	392.98	0.00	392.98
550	Community Development Trust	135,514.18	150,000.00	57,068.50	228,445.68	42,931.50	185,514.18
	Total Internal Service & Trust Funds	**686,486.06**	**3,796,327.22**	**3,297,781.54**	**1,185,031.74**	**688,539.76**	**496,491.98**
	Enterprise, Agency & Custodial Funds						
002	Retired 206 Ohio EMS Grant Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
803	Electrical Inspector	21,895.75	0.00	0.00	21,895.75	0.00	21,895.75
804	Inspection Deposit	13,231.39	183,408.44	65,298.61	131,341.22	0.00	131,341.22
805	Trunk & Storm Sewer	2,159.82	0.00	0.00	2,159.82	0.00	2,159.82
810	Energy Project Fund	0.00	122,457.20	122,457.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
820	Flexible Spending Account	34,144.91	29,716.23	34,062.04	29,799.10	0.00	29,799.10
830	Jefferson Township - Whitehall JEDD Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
840	Sewer Utility Fund	680,646.32	199,722.33	47,555.88	832,812.77	93,160.00	739,652.77
841	Water Utility Fund	851,742.82	1,030,982.05	561,954.74	1,320,770.13	804,365.22	516,404.91
851	Plumbing Permits	21,181.43	125,919.49	89,946.00	57,154.92	0.00	57,154.92
852	Special Deposit	14,191.52	500.00	0.00	14,691.52	0.00	14,691.52
853	Street Maintenance Deposit	1,957.50	0.00	0.00	1,957.50	0.00	1,957.50
854	Acreage Fees	15,775.85	0.00	0.00	15,775.85	0.00	15,775.85
855	Christmas Tree Lot Bond	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
856	State Sales Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
860	Recreation Trust Fund	38,450.68	51,671.31	51,076.01	39,045.98	27,648.19	11,397.79
	Total Enterprise, Agency & Custodial Funds	**1,695,677.99**	**1,744,377.05**	**972,350.48**	**2,467,704.56**	**925,173.41**	**1,542,531.15**
	Grand Total — All Funds	**30,660,141.48**	**43,920,497.59**	**44,434,268.78**	**30,146,370.29**	**8,156,940.83**	**21,989,429.46**

Investments — Portfolio Summary

City of Whitehall financial portfolio as of August 31, 2026.

Institution	Account	Balance	Yield
Heartland Bank	General Checking #2060	7,092,172.87	n/a
Heartland Bank	Premium Checking #4879	917,264.76	1.51%
Heartland Bank	Flex Business Checking #3003	37,336.45	n/a
Heartland Bank	Certificate of Deposit #5475	1,522,891.90	3.70%
Adelphi Bank	Money Market #4593	250,000.00	3.81%
Adelphi Bank	ICS Savings	4,255.54	3.82%
Adelphi Bank	CDARS Certificate of Deposit #2955	763,247.06	3.92%
STAR Ohio	General Investments #36499	5,603,243.35	3.86%
STAR Ohio	Budget Stabilization #77478	1,554,171.29	3.86%
STAR Ohio	EMS #77272	558,758.10	3.86%
U.S. Bank	General Investments #0420	9,343,589.24	3.91%
Huntington Bank	EMS #6106	2,724,140.04	0.83%
Total		**30,371,070.60**	

CHART 3: Portfolio Allocation by Institution



Notes: (1) U.S. Bank investments are reported at market value, including an unrealized loss of $66,542. (2) The STAR Ohio City Hall Renovation (#77149) and Police Division Renovation (#77150) accounts were fully redeemed on April 6, 2026 and are closed. (3) STAR Ohio reports a 30-day yield, U.S. Bank an estimated current yield, Adelphi reports annual percentage yield, and the Huntington annualized yield is calculated from monthly earnings. All investments are held in accordance with ORC Chapter 135 and the Council-adopted Investment Policy, as revised February 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 086-2026

AMENDING PART THREE, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE II, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS" BY ADDING A STOP SIGN AT E MOUND STREET AND BERNHARD ROAD AND CREATING ALL-WAYS STOP INTERSECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall desires to erect two new stop signs on E Mound Street at the Bernhard Road Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the erection of these stop signs will enable an orderly flow of traffic on E Mound Street; and

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

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

SECTION 1: That the Traffic Code of the City of Whitehall, Ohio, is hereby amended by adding and amending the following stop sign location on E Mound Street to the Appendix - Traffic Schedule II Entitled - "Stop Intersections" as follows:

VEHICLE DRIVING ON	REQUIRED STOP AT
E Mound Street East	Bernhard Road
E Mound Street West	Bernhard Road

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

PASSED this ______ day of _________________, 2026.

ATTEST:

_____________________________ Clerk of Council

_____________________________________ President of Council

APPROVED this ______ day of ___________________, 2026

_____________________________________ Mayor

Requested and Prepared by: Casey Rowlands, Director of Public Service
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney BSN 8/20/26

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2026

AMENDING, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IV, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED ALL TIMES" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Traffic Schedule IV of the Traffic Code needs to be updated; and

WHEREAS, Portions of St. Rita Lane require additional no parking sections to be added to the schedule; NOW THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1: That the Traffic Schedule IV of the Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Whitehall, Ohio be and is hereby amended as follows:

SCHEDULE IV, PARKING PROHIBITED ALL TIMES

St. Rita Lane Both sides from 4564 St. Rita Lane to 4530 St. Rita Lane
Both sides from 4477 St. Rita Lane to 4453 St. Rita Lane
SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

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 changes in infrastructure in the public right-of-way requires these changes for the safe travel of traffic and emergency vehicles; 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
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Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2026

Requested & Prepared by: Casey Rowlands, Director of Public Service
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney BSN 8/20/26

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2026

EXHIBIT A

ORDINANCE NO. 089-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 195 OF THE WHITEHALL CODIFIED ORDINANCES REQUIRING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND ETHICS TRAINING FOR OFFICE HOLDERS.

WHEREAS, Section 102.02 of the Ohio Revised Code requires every person who is elected to or is a candidate for a city office, and every person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective office, to file an annual financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission on the form prescribed by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the financial disclosure statement assists in identifying potential conflicts of interest and allows the citizens of the City of Whitehall to be aware of the financial interests of the officials who serve them; and

WHEREAS, in the City's most recent financial audit, conducted under the authority of the Auditor of State pursuant to Chapter 117 of the Ohio Revised Code, the City's external auditors issued a management letter comment finding that members of City Council had not properly completed their annual financial disclosure statements, and recommended that all elected officials complete the disclosure statement, and that completed statements be provided to the City Auditor for proper records retention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall desires to address the compliance recommendation of the City's external auditors and to further strengthen the City's ethics rules and the enforcement of its conflict of interest provisions by codifying the financial disclosure requirement in the Whitehall Codified Ordinances, requiring that a copy of each disclosure statement be filed with the City Auditor, requiring ethics training for office holders, and establishing penalties for noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor, as the Chief Fiscal and Accounting Officer of the City pursuant to the Charter and Chapter 733 of the Ohio Revised Code, is the custodian of the City's financial records, is responsible for the maintenance and retention of the records subject to audit, serves as the City's liaison to the Auditor of State and the City's external auditors in responding to and resolving audit findings and management letter comments, and is charged with ensuring that public funds are not expended in contravention of law, and financial disclosure statements filed with the City are public records subject to Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code and the City's records retention schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor is an independently elected officer, separate from the Mayor and City Council and subject to the same disclosure requirements, and vesting the receipt, retention, and monitoring of financial disclosure statements and ethics training certificates in an independent fiscal officer with existing audit and records responsibilities is the practice most consistent with the structure of Ohio municipal government and promotes public confidence, transparency, and accountability; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: Chapter 195 of the Whitehall Codified Ordinances is hereby created as follows:

a) Definitions. As used in this section:
   1) "Municipal office" means the offices of Mayor, City Council member, City Auditor, City Treasurer, or City Attorney.
   2) "Office holder" means a person who is elected or appointed to the office of Mayor, City Council member, City Auditor, City Treasurer, or City Attorney.
   3) "Candidate" means any candidate in an election for nomination or election to office for Mayor, City Council member, City Auditor, City Treasurer, or City Attorney.
   4) The definitions set forth in section 102.01 of the Ohio Revised Code shall apply to this section except to the extent modified in this section.
b) Financial Disclosure Statement filed with Ohio Ethics Commission
   Every person who is an office holder, or a candidate, and every person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective office, shall file with the Ohio Ethics Commission the disclosure statement

described in this division on a form prescribed by the Commission, according to the section 102.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

c) Financial Disclosure Statements filed with the City Auditor
   1) Every officer holder or candidate, and every person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective office, shall file a financial disclosure statement, mandated by division (B) of this section, with the City Auditor.
   2) The same filing deadlines as provided in division (A)(4) of section 102.02 of the Ohio Revised Code shall apply to the financial disclosure statements required to be filed with the City Auditor pursuant to this division.

d) Ethics Policy
   Each office holder shall complete the Ohio Ethics Commission Ohio Ethics Law E-Course within six (6) of the commencement of his or her term and shall file with the city auditor such certificate of completion.

e) Penalties
   1) No person shall knowingly fail to file the financial disclosure statement, on or before the applicable filing deadlines, required under this section. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
   2) No person shall knowingly file a false financial disclosure statement required under this section. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall take effect at 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: Shaquille Alexander, CPA, City Auditor
Prepared by: Shaquille Alexander, CPA, City Auditor and Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney 09/04/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 090-2026

AMENDING ORDINANCE 073-2026; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO 161.38.

WHEREAS, Section 161.38 of the Codified Ordinances establishes salary ranges for City positions, with pay within each range to be determined by the respective appointing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Auditor has conducted a departmental budget analysis and completed a review of personnel classifications and compensation records in preparation for the 2027 budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, that review has identified the stated minimum rate for the Deputy Auditor as anomalous within the salary schedule and to be materially below the rate at which the position has been and would be filled. A minimum rate so far below the prevailing rate of the position is vestigial and exerts no practical constraint on the appointing authority; it neither reflects current compensation practice nor serves any budgetary, recruitment, or internal control purpose, and its continued publication misstates the effective compensation range of the position; and

WHEREAS, that same review has identified the stated maximum rates for the positions of Deputy Auditor, Deputy Tax Commissioner, and Payroll Administrator as lagging the compensation levels required to retain qualified personnel in positions carrying statutory fiscal, payroll, and tax administration responsibilities, and adjustment of those maxima is necessary to preserve the City's ability to fill and hold those positions in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the maximum rates stated in Section 161.38 establish the outer limit of the appointing authority's discretion and do not themselves authorize, obligate, or effect the payment of compensation at those rates; actual compensation remains subject to determination by the appointing authority and to the appropriations lawfully made by this Council; and

WHEREAS, total salary appropriations for the Office of the Auditor for fiscal year 2027 are projected to increase by approximately 2.8% over fiscal year 2026, and the amendment contemplated herein is accommodated within that projection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is interested in adding a part-time clerk to assist in the Council office;

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 Clerk~~ Deputy Clerk of Council Part-time (hourly)	~~2020~~2026	~~11.00 to 22.57~~ to 34.13
Deputy Auditor (hourly)	2026	~~30.10 to 44.23~~ to 46.00
Deputy Tax Commissioner (hourly)	2026	~~to 48.08~~ to 50.01
Payroll Administrator (hourly)	2026	~~To 39.06~~ to 41.02
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)	2026	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
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: 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

Prepared by: Shaquille Alexander, CPA, City Auditor, and Tracy Wentz, Director of HR
Approved as to form: Brad Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 09/08/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 091 -2026

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($18,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE LABOR RELATIONS ACCOUNT (101.900.51010), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall, Ohio (the "City") is presently engaged in collective bargaining negotiations with the labor organizations representing its employees for successor collective bargaining agreements, and those negotiations require the continued services of outside labor counsel and related professional services through the remainder of calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the cost of labor counsel and related labor relations services is charged to the Labor Relations account (101.900.51010) within the General Fund (101), for which Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($45,000.00) was appropriated for 2026; and

WHEREAS, as of August 31, 2026, expenditures charged to the Labor Relations account totaled Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five and 21/100 Dollars ($43,555.21), or approximately ninety-seven percent (97%) of the annual appropriation, leaving insufficient appropriation authority to fund labor relations services for the remainder of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources has requested a supplemental appropriation of Eighteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($18,000.00) to the Labor Relations account, which will increase the total 2026 appropriation for that account to Sixty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($63,000.00), an amount consistent with the City's historical expenditure in negotiation years; and

WHEREAS, Section 5705.40 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the taxing authority of a subdivision to amend or supplement its annual appropriation measure, provided that the total appropriations from any fund do not exceed the estimated resources of that fund as set forth in the official certificate of estimated resources issued pursuant to Section 5705.36 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor, as Chief Fiscal and Accounting Officer of the City, has determined that unappropriated monies are available in the General Fund (101) in an amount sufficient to fund the supplemental appropriation authorized herein, and that total appropriations from the General Fund (101), as so supplemented, do not exceed the amended official certificate of estimated resources for fiscal year 2026; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That there be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (101) the sum of Eighteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($18,000.00) to the Labor Relations account (101.900.51010), thereby increasing the total fiscal year 2026 appropriation for that account from Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($45,000.00) to Sixty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($63,000.00), for the purpose of funding labor counsel and related labor relations services in connection with the City's collective bargaining negotiations.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to record the supplemental appropriation authorized herein, to certify the same to the Franklin County Auditor as an amendment to the City's annual appropriation measure for fiscal year 2026 as required by law, and to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the City for these funds for the stated purpose.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the City's collective bargaining negotiations are ongoing and the appropriation for the Labor Relations account is substantially exhausted, such that the immediate availability of these funds is necessary to avoid any interruption in the City's legal representation in those negotiations.

ORDINANCE NO. 091 -2026

PASSED this ___ day of ______________________________, 2026.

ATTEST:

_______________________________________ _______________________________________

Clerk of Council President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of ______________________________, 2026. _______________________________________

Mayor

Requested by: Tracy Wentz, Director of Human Resources
Prepared by: Shaquille Alexander, CPA, City Auditor
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 09/08/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 092-2026

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 170 CONTRACTING PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING MINIMUM CITY CONTRACT AWARDS TO MINORITY BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, Whitehall is home to minority owned small business which may face barriers in receiving contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to rectify market barriers for all qualified contractors; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: Chapter 170, titled "Contracting Provisions" of the Codified Ordinances is hereby created as follows:
170.01 Definitions

In this chapter, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

a. "Affiliation" means a connection with another business concern is based on the power to control, whether exercised or not. Such factors as common ownership, common management and identity of interest (often found in members of the same family), among others, are indicators of affiliation. Power to control exists when a party or parties have fifty-one percent (51%) or more ownership. It may also exist with considerably less than fifty-one percent (51%) ownership by contractual arrangement or when one or more parties own a large share compared to other parties. Affiliation business concerns need not be in the same line of business. The calculation of a concern's size includes the employees or receipts of all affiliates. Except as otherwise provided, concerns are affiliates of each other when, either directly or indirectly:

1. One concern controls or has the power to control the other; or
2. A third party or parties controls or has the power to control both; or
3. An identity of interest between or among parties exists such that affiliation may be found.

In determining whether affiliation exists, it is necessary to consider all appropriate factors, including common ownership, common management, and contractual relationships. Affiliates must be considered together in determining whether a concern meets small business size criteria and the statutory cap on the participation of firms in the DBE program.

b. "Assets" means all the property of a person available for paying debts or for distribution, including one's respective share of jointly held assets. This includes, but is not limited to, cash on hand and in banks, savings accounts, IRA or other retirement accounts, accounts receivable, life insurance, stocks and bonds, real estate, and personal property.

c. "Asian-Indian Americans" includes people with origins from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, or Bangladesh.

d. "Asian-Pacific Americans" includes individuals from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific, or the Northern Marianas.

e. "Bid" or "Bidder" includes the terms "proposal" and "proposer."

f. "Black Americans" includes persons having origins in any black racial groups of Africa.

g. "Business, business concern or business enterprise" means an entity organized for profit with a place of business located in the United States, and which operates primarily within the United States or which makes a significant contribution to the United States economy through payment of taxes or use of American products, materials, or labor.

h. "City" means The City of Whitehall, Ohio.

i. "Contract" means an agreement where the City spends its funds for goods or services. Certain contracts, such as specialized services, emergency requisitions, petty cash funds, and contracts utilizing nonfederal funds under the thresholds set by 9.17 of the Ohio Revised Code may be exempt. Exemptions under this Chapter are determined by the Economic Development Director in conjunction with the City Auditor and City Attorney.

j. "Contractor" means a party participating in a contract as defined in subsection (g).

k. "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" or "DBE" means small business concern:

1. At least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, or if publicly owned, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is owned by these individuals; and
2. Managed and operated on a daily basis by one or more of the disadvantaged individuals who own it.

l. "Discriminate" means exclusion of an individual or group solely based on race, religion, color, sex, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, ancestry, or Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status.

m. "Hispanic Americans" and "Latinx Americans" includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race.

n. "Joint Venture" means an association of an MBE or DBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which the parties combine their property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the MBE or DBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

o. "Manufacturer" means a firm operating a factory or establishment that produces materials or supplies on-premises.

p. "Minority Business Coordinator" or "MBC" means the person designated by the Mayor or designee to administer this chapter, also serving as the City's "DBE Liaison Officer" per 49 CFR Section 23.45 (May also be referred to as the "MBE Officer.")

q. "Minority" means a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who is:

1. Black American,
2. Hispanic American,
3. Native American,
4. Asian-Pacific American, or
5. Asian-Indian American.

r. "Minority Business Enterprise" or "MBE" means a business which is:

1. At least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by minorities or females, or if publicly owned, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is owned by minorities or females;
2. Managed and operated daily by minority or female individuals; and
3. At least fifty-one percent (51%) of net profits or losses are attributable to minority or female persons.

s. "Native Americans" includes American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.

t. "Regular Dealer" means a firm engaged in the principal business of buying and selling specific products, owning and maintaining a store or warehouse, but not including brokers and packagers.

u. "Small Business Concern" means a small business concern as defined pursuant to section 3 of the Small Business Act and Small Business Administration regulations implemented in (13 CFR part 121) that also does not exceed the cap on average annual gross receipts specified in § 26.65(b).

v. "Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals" and "Disadvantaged Individuals" includes U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents who are women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Asian-Indian Americans, or others found disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration. The social disadvantage must stem from circumstances beyond the individual's control.

1. Any individual who a recipient finds to be a socially and economically disadvantaged individual on a case-by-case basis. An individual must demonstrate that they have held himself or herself out, as a member of a designated group if you require it.
2. Any individual in the following groups, members of which are rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged:
   A. "Black Americans" which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
   B. "Hispanic Americans" which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race;
   C. "Native Americans" which includes persons who are enrolled members of a federally or State recognized Indian tribe, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiians;
   D. "Asian-Pacific Americans" which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Samoa, Guam, the US Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), Republic of the Northern Marianas Islands, Samoa, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kirbati, Tuvalu, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, or Hong Kong;
   E. "Subcontinent Asian Americans" which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, Nepal or Sri Lanka;
   F. Women;

G. Any additional groups whose members are designated as socially and economically disadvantaged by the SBA, at such time as the SBA designation becomes effective.

3. Being born in a particular country does not, standing alone, mean that a person is necessarily a member of one of the groups listed in this definition.

w. "Subcontractor" means one who contracts with the original contractor for part or all of the work, excluding the purchase of materials and/or equipment.

170.02 Setting aside purchases selected for competition only by minority business enterprises.

a. From the purchases that the City is required by law to make through competitive selection, the City shall select a number of such purchases, the aggregate value of which equals approximately fifteen per cent of the estimated total value of all such purchases to be made in the current fiscal year. The City shall set aside the purchases selected for competition only by minority business enterprises, as defined in division (E)(1) of section 122.71 of the Revised Code. The competitive selection procedures for such purchases set aside shall be the same as for all other purchases the department is required to make through competitive selection, except that only minority business enterprises certified by the State or other municipality with an established minority business certification for at least one year shall be qualified to compete.

b. In the case of purchases set aside under this section, if no bid is submitted by a minority business enterprise, the purchase shall be made according to usual procedures.

c. The provisions of this section shall not preclude any minority business enterprise from competing for any other City purchases that are not specifically set aside for minority business enterprises.

d. Any person who intentionally misrepresents self as owning, controlling, operating, or participating in a minority business enterprise for the purpose of obtaining contracts, subcontracts, or any other benefits under this section shall be guilty of theft by deception as provided for in section 537.07 of the Codified Ordinance or section 2913.02 of the Revised Code.

e. Corporations, firms, or individuals benefiting from City-provided tax abatement or tax credit development incentives must offer their construction and purchasing contracts to minority business enterprises.

f. The Auditor, in conjunction with the Director of Economic Development and Director of Public Service, shall provide an annual report on the annual contracting and amount and percentage of contracts awarded to minority business enterprises.

170.03 Counting MBE Participation

a. Total Contract Value: Once a firm qualifies as an MBE under this chapter, the entire dollar value of the contract awarded to the MBE shall be counted toward the relevant MBE goals.

b. Proportional Ownership: The total contract value to an MBE owned and controlled by minorities shall be counted toward minority goals in proportion to the ownership and control percentage of each group in the business.

c. Joint Venture: A contractor may count toward MBE goals the portion of the total contract value with an eligible joint venture, equal to the MBE partner's ownership and control percentage.

d. Commercially Useful Function

1. Contractors may only count toward MBE goals the expenditures to MBEs performing a commercially useful function, defined as responsibility for a distinct work element, with actual execution, management, and supervision.

2. An MBE may subcontract consistently with industry practices. However, excessive subcontracting may be presumed as non-compliance with commercial usefulness. The MBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the City.

e. Materials and Supplies: A contractor may count toward its MBE goal:

1. Sixty percent (60%) of expenditures for materials and supplies from an MBE regular dealer.
2. One hundred percent (100%) of such expenditures from an MBE manufacturer.

f. Specific Expenditures to Non-Manufacturers or Regular Dealers: A contractor may count toward MBE goals expenditures to MBEs that aren't manufacturers or regular dealers for:

1. Fees for bona fide services, such as professional, technical, consulting, or managerial services, or procurement assistance, if deemed reasonable.
2. Fees for material and supply delivery, excluding the cost of the materials themselves, if the delivery fee is reasonable.
3. Fees for bonds or insurance specifically required for contract performance, if deemed reasonable.

170.04 Income Tax Reimbursement

(a) Any minority business enterprise contractor or subcontractor awarded a contract pursuant to 170.02 is entitled to a reimbursement up to twenty-five percent or fifty thousand dollars, whichever is less, of local employment taxes paid.

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 Ordinance 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:

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Clerk of Council President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of ____________________________, 2026. ____________________________________

Mayor

Requested by: Lori Elmore, Councilwoman
Prepared by: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 9/8/26

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2026

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:

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Clerk of Council President of Council

APPROVED this ____ day of ____________________________, 2026. ____________________________________

Mayor

Requested and prepared by: Shaquille Alexander, City Auditor
Approved as to form: Bradley S. Nicodemus, City Attorney bsn 09/08/2026

REQUISITION	VENDOR	TOTAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE ORDER	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	ACCOUNT
PR2026-Council-00058-A	00638 (Walter H Drane Co)	6,026.53	Codified Ordinance Updates for July 2026	2026000990	8/6/2026	5266	101.100.52000
PR2026-Mayor-00514-A	06096 (WEAVER WAGONS & CUSTOM DESIGN LLC)	14,530.00	Mobility Wagon- Food Truck Fest	2026000986	8/5/2026	14221	215.000.50000
PR2026-Pol-01446-A	06112 (THE COLLECTIVE GENIUS LLC)	3,549.00	Strategic Communications & Community Engagement Se	2026001027	8/3/2026	2018-2-1190	101.960.55000
PR2026-Mayor-00506-A	05940 (THE SAUNDERS COMPANY LLC)	3,200.00	2026 Comprehensive Public Relations Services (2)	2026000987	7/31/2026	677	101.200.52700
PR2026-Fire-01215-A	00190 (ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS, INC.)	7,010.39	Emergency repairs to E-153	2026000980	7/31/2026	50042	101.970.56800
PR2026-Mayor-00502-A	04883 (ACC PARTY RENTAL, INC.)	18,608.50	Tents & Tables- 2026 Food Truck Fest	2026000989	7/29/2026	230714469	215.000.50000
PR2026-Mayor-00538-A	05870 (BOBBY FERGUSON)	11,327.00	Production services, staffing, additional stagehan	2026000975	7/27/2026	929	101.200.56150
PR2026-Mayor-00534-A	05870 (BOBBY FERGUSON)	18,882.50	Reimbursement for Whitehall Food Truck & Fun Fest:	2026000974	7/27/2026	747	101.200.56150
PR2026-Mayor-00518-A	05285 (NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION RENTALS, INC.)	18,095.32	Security Fencing 2026 Food Truck Fest	2026000988	7/24/2026	8285437	215.000.50000
PR2026-Mayor-00580-A	05715 (HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK CREDIT CARD)	3,843.76	2026 Food Truck Fest Rentals	2026001042	7/10/2026	2658082A	101.200.56150
PR2026-Service-04242-A	06135 (DENT WIZARD INTERNATIONAL LLC)	4,381.35	Fleet Misc- POLICE	2026000996	6/23/2026	I-2483-14295	313.000.55000
PR2026-Service-04238-A	06135 (DENT WIZARD INTERNATIONAL LLC)	4,381.35	Fleet Misc- POLICE	2026000996	6/23/2026	I-2483-14295	313.000.55000
PR2026-Pol-01362-A	00206 (Franklin Cty Sheriff's Dept)	5,337.50	Monthly Prisoner Boarding, DNA, Fingerprinting	2026000997	6/8/2026	FCSO June 2026	101.960.59500
PR2026-Mayor-00510-A	05940 (THE SAUNDERS COMPANY LLC)	3,200.00	2026 Comprehensive Public Relations Services (2)	2026000987	5/31/2026	669	101.200.52700
TOTAL		**122,373.20**					