

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
Garden Room  
April 12, 2022  
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Keith Heidelberg, Jeff Holmstrom, Sean Mullally, Stephen Sikkenga, and Steve Salter

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Huebler, Brenda Bourdon, Roger Squiers, and Sawyer Rozgowski

Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Raymond McLeod, Muskegon County Bicycling Coalition** – Raymond McLeod provided background on the success of the Muskegon County Bicycling Coalition because of their inclusivity and encouraged the city to implement a resolution and ordinances to further welcome bicycles into the community.

**Ordinances** – Council Member Brown wanted to ensure that the ordinances that were being enforced this spring regarding blight and junk vehicles were being enforced fairly and not targeted. Chief Squiers assured him that they were being enforced fairly across the City.

**Tannery Bay Public Access** – Council Member Brown expressed his displeasure in the property that was being donated by Mick McGraw for public access citing that it's worthless property. City Manager Huebler described the plan that was provided by the Muskegon Conservation District.

**Commercial Sign Ordinance** – Council Member Heidelberg asked if we had any enforcement measures for aesthetic and/or safety issues with commercial signs, such as spray painted or temporary board signs attached with ropes. City Manager and Attorney Rozgowski explained that with the first amendment rights, the only enforcement we have for signs besides size and location is potentially with the blight ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ray McCleod and Carim Calkins shared what Roosevelt Park does for façade improvements for businesses.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:54 P.M.**

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Steven Salter, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All yeses.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. March 22, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$935,643.78
- C. Communications: Planning Commission Minutes, Walk the Beat Thank You

Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda. Yes – 6; No – 1, Brown; Absent – 0

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Pro Tem Mullally commented on the upcoming leaf pickup.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Val Barnes commented that public relations training should be mandatory for Council.

Joel Mikkelsen commented on the state of the White Lake Pathway water problem.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tag Day Request - Child Abuse Council

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve the tag day request for the Child Abuse Council on Saturday, June 4, 2022. All yeses.

- B. Budget Schedule

Motion by Mullally, seconded by Sikkenga, to approve a budget work session at 6 pm on Monday, May 9 and required public hearing on May 24 at 6 pm. Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to amend the motion to move the work session to 5 pm instead of 6 pm. All yeses.

Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the budget work session on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and required Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm. All yeses.

C. Hokey Pokey Alley Closure Request

Motion by Brown, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to approve the alley closure for Hokey Pokey's alley sale on May 20, 21 & 22. All yeses.

D. Resolution 22-15 MDOT Annual Application

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to approve the MDOT annual application allowing for right of way permits.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Mullally, Connell, Brown, Heidelberg, Sikkenga, and Salter;  
No – None; Absent – None

E. Resolution 22-16 Poverty Exemption

Motion by Connell, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve the updated Poverty Exemption policies and procedures.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Connell, Brown, Holmstrom, Mullally, Heidelberg, Sikkenga, and Salter;  
No – None; Absent – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillian Morningstar commented on the fallen tree by Pinheads.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:20 pm.

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