



WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Council Chambers
June 11, 2024

PRESENT Scott Brown, Tanya Cabala, Debi Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Stephen Sikkenga, Steve Salter, and Tom Ziemer

ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Scott Huebler, Brenda Bourdon, Will Meier, and Roger Squiers

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Appointments (Brown)

The council discussed term limits for board appointments, agreeing to adopt a 12-year term limit with a mandatory 1-year break before returning to the same board. They also decided that a council member may serve on no more than four boards at a time.

Commercial Rehabilitation (Huebler)

Huebler proposed creating a Commercial Rehabilitation District on Colby Street to offer tax abatements for property improvements. The council showed interest in this idea, preferring it over creating a Corridor Improvement Authority. They expressed a desire to explore this district further, with flexibility for incentives and extending it to both city limits on Colby Street.

Streets (Cabala)

Cabala requested an updated street assessment to inform residents about the schedule for street improvements. Huebler agreed to coordinate with Prein & Newhof to obtain this update by early next year.

Housing (Cabala)

Cabala emphasized the need for more affordable housing and suggested exploring options such as a tiny house village or additional duplexes. The discussion included county surveys, the definition of affordable housing, and the city's role in addressing the issue. A request was made for an inventory of available properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Hosticka expressed that the city property in Covell Park is not accessible for fishing, which results in kids and fishermen trespassing on his property.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the work session at 5:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,
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 Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$265,064.68
- C. Communications: None

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Messages were received from the Mayor and Council members

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cyr provided an update on county activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Funnell Field Request: Hunter Olson was unable to attend to address questions, so this will be moved to the next council meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Walk the Beat Road Closure Request

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holmstrom to approve the temporary road closure of North Mears from 8am to 9 pm on Saturday, July 20 for the Walk the Beat event.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution 24-22 Chamber Building Painting Project

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown to award the 2024 Chamber Building Painting Project to Fresh Coat for the low, qualified bid of \$12,077.51

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Brown, Sikkenga, Cabala, Hillebrand, Ziemer, and Salter; No – None; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

C. Resolution 24-23 Social District Permit for Mylan’s Restaurant

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cabala to approve the Social District permit request from Mylan’s Restaurant.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Cabala, Sikkenga, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, Ziemer, and Salter; No – None; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk