



## WHITEHALL

### CITY COUNCIL

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

Council Chambers

November 12, 2024

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

**ABSENT** Jeff Holmstrom

**ALSO PRESENT** Scott Huebler, Brook Schiller, Will Meier, Roger Squiers

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **E-Bike Regulations (Brown)**

Council Member Brown discussed the possibility of creating an ordinance to regulate e-bikes on City sidewalks. All other council members and City Manager Huebler did not feel that an ordinance is required at this time.

##### **Leaf Millage (Brown)**

Council Member Brown would like to keep the leaf pick-up service for residents and would like Council to consider a millage increase to provide funding should the current budgeted amounts prove to be insufficient for continued service. City Manager Huebler shared that the current amounts should cover the service unless weather causes difficulty in removing all leaves within the allotted time period. Additional costs that could arise would be equipment replacement/repair and overtime pay.

##### **Appointments (Brown, Ziemer)**

Council Member Ziemer expressed that the current appointment policy does not clarify what might happen should the Mayoral nomination of an appointment not pass Council approval. City Attorney Meier let Council know that a change to the City Charter would be required to change the Mayor's powers on the topic. The majority of the Council agreed that there did not need to be any additional changes to the current appointment policy or the City Charter.

##### **Country Club Walkway (Huebler)**

City Manager Huebler discussed the sidewalk and stairway through the Country Club subdivision and that adjacent property owners have requested that the City either repair/replace or relinquish ownership. City Attorney Meier let the Council know that he will have to look into the current ownership as no deeded records have been found. The topic was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tristen Sanchez asked the City Council about the possibility of working with Whitehall School District to inform students about local government. Mayor Salter agreed, and mentioned that he would like to see the Student Representative program return.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Salter adjourned the work session at 6:00 pm

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Respectfully submitted,  
Brook Schiller, Deputy City Clerk



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### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Sikkenga to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses (Holmstrom absent)

**MOTION CARRIED**

### APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the October 22, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and November 1, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$460,438.34
- C. Communications: Arts Council Thank You, County DPW Minutes, Quarterly Financials

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

Voice Vote: All yeses (Holmstrom absent)

**MOTION CARRIED**

### MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Messages were received from Council members, and the City Manager.

Council Members expressed that the DPW is doing a wonderful job with leaf pickup.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were received from Mark Nienhouse concerning trees from the June storm.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 24-37 – TIFA Public Hearing**

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Brown to approve the date of the TIFA Public Hearing to Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolution 24-38 – LDFA Public Hearing**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Hillebrand to approve the date of the LDFA Public Hearing to Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Resolution 24-39 – Zellar Road Bids**

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Hillebrand to approve Resolution 24-39 Zellar Road Bids as presented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. School Resource Officer**

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Brown– to approve the School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Voice Vote: All yeses (Holmstrom absent)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 Students from Mr. Brunson’s class at Montague High School introduced themselves.

Tristen Sanchez asked the Council how the School Resource Officer is appointed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Brook Schiller, Deputy City Clerk