WHITEHALL

MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

October 27, 2026

PRESENT Scott Brown, Tanya Cabala, Jeff Holmstrom, and Roger Squiers

ABSENT Debra Hillebrand, Tom Ziemer, Bryan Mahan

ALSO PRESENT Dan Tavernier, Will Meier

Mayor Pro Tem Holmstrom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cabala to approve the agenda as submitted.

Voice Vote: All yeses **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes: October 13, 2026;
B. Accounts Payable: $539,695.42
C. Communications: White Lake Library Thank You

Motion by Squiers, seconded by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Voice Vote: All yeses **MOTION CARRIED**

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cabala to excuse Mahan from tonight's meeting.

Voice Vote: All yeses **MOTION CARRIED**

Messages were received from the City Manager, Council Members, and Mayor Pro Tem.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 26-50 Michigan Arts and Culture Council

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Squires, to approve the $42,090 to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC) to support programming, facility improvements, community accessibility, and professional development at the Playhouse at White Lake.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Squiers, Cabala, Holmstrom,
No – None; Absent – Hillebrand, Ziemer, Mahan **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Resolution 26-51 Muskegon Ave & Livingston Street Improvement Project

Motion by Brown, seconded by Squires, for the City of Whitehall to accept its Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget amendments. Identified necessary adjustments reflect actual operations, updated project costs, revised revenue estimates, and current financial commitments.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Squiers, Cabala, Holmstrom;
No – None; Absent – Hillebrand, Ziemer, Mahan **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Sharon Kosko provided comment on Gee St Street light.

C. Closed Session

Motion by Squiers, seconded by Brown, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(e), to consult with litigation counsel regarding settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Johnson v. City of Whitehall because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Squiers, Cabala, Holmstrom,
No – None; Absent – Hillebrand, Ziemer, Mahan **MOTION CARRIED**

RESUMED OPEN MEETING

Motion by Squiers, seconded by Brown, to follow the advice from counsel regarding settlement in the matter of Johnson v. City of Whitehall and to authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the resolution of this matter.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Squiers, Brown, Cabala, Holmstrom,
No – None; Absent – Hillebrand, Ziemer, Mahan **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Holmstrom adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:42 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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