

ALTOONA GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

CALL TO ORDER at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Hippo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; present were Study Commission Members: Heather Eckels, Richard Flarend (via phone), Bev Green, Robert Kutz, Vice-Chairman Richard Fiore Jr. and Chairman Wayne Hippo; Dave Duncan was absent

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – none given

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 19, 2014 MEETING MINUTES - Upon motion of Bob Kutz seconded by Bev Green all were in favor to adopt the June 2, 2014 meeting minutes and the June 9th public hearing minutes and the motion carried; Dave Duncan was absent

Larry Clapper and the Commission reviewed draft 5 and will clean up language regarding powers and duties of the Mayor and Council as a whole and Solicitor and City Clerk as Council appointments; also the ability to appoint a Controller if needed; all are simple majority to be fired; with authorities and boards the Mayor may nominate with Council approval with the exception of those under statute; Larry Clapper will revise other language to be consistent with the above

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM – the Commission agreed to use the Greensburg Charter beginning with page 19

91-okay

92 – strike in B unless authorized by Council

keep A & C

D is okay

1,000 registered voters

Effect of petition is okay except change to City Clerk

Action by Council is okay

Failure to act is okay

Results of Election – okay

Neglect of duty – remove

Rescinding petition – okay

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING REVIEW/SUGGESTIONS – the Commission will review at their next meeting

INITIAL REVIEW /EDITING OF DRAFT CHARTER – the Commission will review at their next meeting

Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes 6/23/14

REVIEW FINAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The Commission discussed that this is in the DCED guide to Home Rule on page 24; the marketing strategy will consist of summary brochure mailed to voters, publication on the City's website and available at City Hall and the Altoona Public Library; availability of Commission members to speak to groups

The City Clerk will get examples of 3 or 4 more recent final reports and will contact DCED if needed

At the next meeting the Commission will review draft 6, look at comments from the June 9th public hearing, comment from City Council's Strategic Planning meeting, comments from Commission Member Dave Duncan and review examples of final reports

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – none

MEDIA QUESTIONS - Media present included Steve Willett, WRTA

ADJOURNMENT - by Chairman Hippo at 7:35 p.m.

Linda Rickens Schellhammer, CityClerk/Recording Secretary