

ALTOONA GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Fiore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 23, 2014 MEETING MINUTES - Upon motion of Bob Kutz seconded by Heather Eckels all were in favor to adopt the June 23, 2014 meeting minutes and the motion carried; Chairman Hippo was absent

REVIEW/EDITING OF DRAFT #6 - Larry Clapper and the Commission reviewed draft 6 to include adding a severability clause, adding the definition of a quorum, changing language to state Council may remove any person they appoint and it will take four votes (3.4 #5); changing appointments to nominations 4.3 on page 6, on page 7 changing wording to by a majority vote of 5 council members, also in 4.3 the Commission discussed removing days and discussed adding a B to say any interim position is appointed by Council: Larry Clapper will make further revisions

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING REVIEW/SUGGESTIONS – the Commission reviewed questions and comments brought forth by City Council at their June 9th Strategic Planning Meeting and at the June 9th Public Hearing; Vice-Chairman Fiore stated he felt that all concerns had been addressed; two of the outstanding issues are the final report and marketing and promotion

DAVE DUNCAN'S REVIEW/SUGGESTIONS – Dave Duncan suggested a zoning map be attached as an exhibit under boundaries; there was a motion by Dave Duncan to eliminate the section on page 5 of the draft entitled Investigations and a second by Richard Flarend and the motion passed 4 to 2 with Chairman Hippo absent

Dave Duncan recommended Section 3.7 be eliminated since the position is being eliminated; Richard Fiore stated the wording is may instead of shall; Bev Green suggested eliminating items A – H; Richard Flarend said he would agree to that; a motion was made by Bob Kutz to include number 1 in 3.7 and eliminate A – H with a second by Bev Green and the motion passed 6 to 0 with Chairman Hippo absent

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Dave Duncan recommended the elimination of a majority of the language under Article IV Mayor; Richard Flarend stated this language was crafted as a way to support a full time Mayor; Dave Duncan agreed

Dave Duncan recommended that 8.3 Personnel System be deleted; Mr. Duncan made a motion to eliminate the language and could not get a second and the motion was withdrawn

A motion was made by Richard Flarend to add language to Article V City Manager which states the City Manager shall submit a Human Resource Manual annually to City Council and to eliminate the section 8.3 Personnel System and Bev Green seconded the motion and the vote passed 6 to 0 with Chairman Hippo absent

Dave Duncan recommended 9.5 Emergency Ordinances under Article IX Ordinances and Resolutions be deleted as Council already has the power to do this

Dave Duncan recommended Article X be deleted and a discussion was held but a motion was not made for this recommendation

REVIEW OF FINAL REPORTS – examples of final reports were distributed to the Commission for review; the Commission referred to pages 24 through 28 of DCED's *Home Rule in Pennsylvania Manual* entitled Final Report

At the next meeting the Commission will review draft 7 of the Charter and review a draft of a final report; the Commission was asked to think about a marketing campaign and give thought to why the residents should vote for a Home Rule Charter; the Commission will also look at their meeting schedule and may add meetings in August

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – none

MEDIA QUESTIONS - Media present included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Steve Willett, WRTA

ADJOURNMENT - by Vice-Chairman Fiore at 8:00 p.m.

Linda Rickens Schellhammer, CityClerk/Recording Secretary