

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 8, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, January 9, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:12 PM in Council Chambers following a Public Meeting (Broad Avenue Curb & Sidewalk)

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Councilmen Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

City Solicitor Larry Clapper announced that Council held an executive session prior to the council meeting and public meeting at 5:45 p.m.; the purpose of the executive session was potential litigation

PUBLIC COMMENT was offered by Mayor Pacifico and none was given

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, December 9, 2013. (0003-14)

b)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 11, 2013. (0004-14)

c)approving and ratifying the Blair County Solid Waste Plan as the City's municipal waste plan and approving submittal of the plan by the County of Blair to the Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection for review and approval and hereby authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0005-14)

d)authorizing the transfer of a city-owned vacant lot at 1017-19 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, tax map 1.13-32-38 to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority, by Quit Claim Deed, for \$1.00 plus all other fees related to this transaction and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0006-14)

e)authorizing the transfer of a city-owned vacant lots at 323 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 325-27 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, tax map 1.8-2-91 and 1.8-2-92 to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority, by Quit Claim Deed, for \$1.00 plus all other fees related to this transaction and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0007-14)

f)authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED), in the amount of \$500,000 for the Broad Avenue Street Scape Project and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0008-14)

g)amending the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) transferring \$4,621.37 from the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Passive Park Project to the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation Community Room Project. (0009-14)

h)authorizing the City Clerk to sign all appropriate documents in the Planning Module Package for the proposed 4,800 S.F. Plaza along Plank Road for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection. (0010-14)

i)approving the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Contract No. OB-RACP-404 dated February 6, 2006, by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Altoona for funding for the Railroad Memorial Museum K4 Project in order to extend the termination date of said contract from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014 and authorizing the necessary City officials to execute the same. (0011-14)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; the consent vote was taken and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh abstained from Item h because he works for Lehman Engineers

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Council thanked the people of Broad Avenue for coming to an earlier meeting to participate in a public meeting to discuss a curb and sidewalk project; Council also wanted the people of Broad Avenue to know that they will be able to plant their own tree in front of their home if they choose to with help and advice from the Planning Department and the Altoona Shade Tree Commission

Councilman Haire asked about the demolition of the former Altoona Hotel Restaurant; Chief Freehling stated the investigation is nearing completion but at this time investigators do not want the building demolished

Council asked Chief Freehling for an update on Broad Avenue speeding and Chief Freehling stated the Altoona Police Department spends a lot of time on Broad Avenue and they write a large number of citations; the Police will increase their presence as the weather breaks

Council Committee Assignments as follows:

Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mayor Pacifico, Councilman Haire, Councilman Kelley, Vice-Mayor Neugebauer (alt), Omar Strohm (alt), Dave Diedrich (alt), Lee Slusser (alt)

Greater Altoona Economic Development: Mayor Pacifico, Councilman Kelley, Vice-Mayor Neugebauer(alt)

Blair County 24 Member Advisory Committee: Councilman Butterbaugh

Blair County Community Action Agency: Vice-Mayor Neugebauer

Central Blair Recreation Commission: Councilman Cagle (voting member), Vice-Mayor Neugebauer, CouncilmanCacciotti (alt)

South Central Blair Co. Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee: Mayor Pacifico, Omar Strohm

Blighted Property Review Committee: Councilman Butterbaugh

ABCD Corporation: Mayor Pacifico

Intermunicipal Relations Committee: Councilman Cagle

Pyramid Healthcare: Councilman Haire

Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation: Chief Janice Freehling, Councilman Haire

Sister Cities: Vice-Mayor Neugebauer, Councilman Haire, Councilman Cacciotti

Goodman Trust Advisory Board: Linda Rickens Schellhammer, Councilman Cacciotti (alt)

Public Access Committee: Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Cable Negotiations Committee: Larry Clapper, City Solicitor, Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Government Study Commission: Linda Rickens Schelhammer, Council Liaisons: Councilman Butterbaugh, Councilman Haire (alt)

MEDIA in attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Steve Willet, WRTA

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:35 p.m.