

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 9, 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, April 10, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:25 PM in Council Chambers following a worksession

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

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the City Solicitor's Law Office for the purpose of personnel matters; Mayor Pacifico announced that a resolution would be added to the agenda; City Solicitor Larry Clapper read the resolution as follows: appointing Peter S. Marshall as Interim City Manager, effective April 16, 2014, pursuant to the Agreement between Peter S. Marshall and Associates, LLC and the City of Altoona, said Agreement being attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein and authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico to execute said Agreement and the City Clerk, Linda Rickens Schellhammer to attest to same. Omar Strohm shall, effective April 16, 2014, continue in his positions of Finance Director and Human Resources Director of the City at the salaries and benefits set forth for those positions in the 2014 Budget of the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Richard Marshall of 512 E. 26th Avenue, Altoona, PA stated his neighborhood recently received a student house at 517 E. 26th Avenue which is less than 250 feet from another student house (518 E. 26th Avenue) which is allowed because the owner actually lives there; Mr. Marshall stated there is another student house around the corner with high grass in summer and un-shoveled sidewalks in the winter; Mr. Marshall asked Council to change the rules for student housing

Scott Campenaro of 315 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA encouraged landlords to come to his neighborhood with student housing

PRESENTATIONS – none

MANAGER'S REPORT – the report was distributed to Council previously; Councilman Butterbaugh asked about item 9, GIS and mapping of student housing; Lee Slusser stated the mapping is up to date as defined in the ordinance

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, March 26, 2014. (0052-14)

b) approving a contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Broad Avenue Streetscape Project and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0053-14)

c) awarding the Tree Revitalization Project Bid to Bennetti Tree Service, Inc. of 162 Bennetti Drive, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$9,393.00 payable from Shade Tree Commission Funds (Account No. 10-53880-4530) and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0054-14)

d) authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 17th Street (SR 4010) and 1st Avenue (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0055-14)

e) authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at Logan Boulevard (SR 4003) and Burgoon Road (City Street) and Baker Boulevard (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0056-14)

f) authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 17th Street (SR 4010) and 6th Avenue (SR 0764), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0057-14)

g) authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at Logan Boulevard (SR 4003) and Ward Avenue (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0058-14)

h)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at Union Avenue (SR 0036) and 6th Avenue (SR 0764), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0059-14)

i)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 6th Avenue (SR 0764) and 58th Street (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0060-14)

j)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 17th Street (SR 4010) and 7th Avenue (SR 0764), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0061-14)

k)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at Union Avenue (SR 0036) and 7th Avenue (SR0764) and 25th Street (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0062-14)

l)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 7th Avenue (SR 0764) and Burgoon Road (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-14)

m)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance

Requirements for the traffic signal located at 6th Avenue (SR 0764) and Logan Boulevard (SR 4003), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0064-14)

n)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 6th Avenue (SR 0764) and South Commerce Park Driveway, with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0065-14)

o)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 6th Avenue (SR 0764) and 22nd Street (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0066-14)

p)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 17th Street (SR 4010) and Pleasant Valley Boulevard (SR 1001), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0067-14)

q)authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute PennDOT's Application for Traffic Signal Approval, and all other required documents associated with the upgrade, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at 7th Avenue (SR 0764) and 22nd Street (City Street), with all costs being paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintenance and electricity being paid by the City of Altoona, and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0068-14)

r)appointing Peter S. Marshall as Interim City Manager, effective April 16, 2014, pursuant to the Agreement between Peter S. Marshall and Associates, LLC and the City of Altoona, said Agreement being attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein and authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico to execute said Agreement and the City Clerk, Linda Rickens Schellhammer to attest to same. Omar Strohm shall, effective April 16, 2014, continue in his positions of Finance Director and Human Resources Director of the City at the salaries and benefits set forth for those positions in the 2014 Budget of the City. (0069-14)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; a consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0 with all present

ORDINANCES

Adoption – Councilman Cacciotti

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 98 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES" AND CHAPTER 105 ENTITLED "POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION" TO: REMOVE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OF ALTOONA POLICE AND NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEES TO NOW REQUIRE THAT POLICE EMPLOYEES SHALL RESIDE WITHIN NOT MORE THAN A FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTE RESPONSE TIME FROM THE CITY AND NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEES SHALL RESIDE WITHIN NOT MORE THAN A THIRTY (30) MINUTE RESPONSE TIME FROM THE CITY; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5652)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Cacciotti

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Haire

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilman Haire announced that on May 17th Operation Our Town is having a build day at Prospect Park for the new playground equipment and volunteers are needed

Spring yard waste collection is in progress and will last for three more days the week of April 14th and once collection ends yard waste can be dropped off at the highway yard daily between 8am and 2pm

Councilman Cagle announced that a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Juniata Memorial Spray Park and work should begin very soon with a completion time of August

Councilman Butterbaugh announced the Government Study Commission would like to meet with Council at their next Strategic Planning meeting on Monday, June 9th to review the draft of the Home Rule Charter

The City Clerk's office is currently accepting Goodman Trust grant applications through April 21st. The public meeting will be held on April 28th

MEDIA in attendance included Bill Kibler for the *Altoona Mirror*
ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:00 p.m.