

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 27, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, January 28, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILWOMAN CHRISTIE JORDAN – City Solicitor Larry Clapper administered the Oath-of-Office to Christie Jordan; following the Swearing-In Councilwoman Jordan thanked the City of Altoona and her fellow Council Members and the Mayor for the opportunity to serve on City Council stating she believes in Altoona and looks forward to working with everyone on Council and in the community.

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Girl Scout Troop 46542

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Jordan, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Finance Director Omar Strohm reviewed the November 2015 Financial Report as follows: in the revenue section, under real estate tax, the numbers exceed November of 2014 by almost \$200,000, which is primarily due to an increase in collections; under inter-governmental revenues, the primary difference relates to a payment posting in December instead of November, from UPMC, for payment in-lieu-of taxes; under charges for service the difference is revenue for the street program which was received in 2015 that was not received in 2014 in the amount of \$266,000; under expenditures the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments show large differences due to the Pension MMO's, healthcare costs and expenditure increases amounting to \$85,000 in overtime for the street program mentioned previously in revenues

PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

Mayor Pacifico made the nominations for authorities, boards and commissions and then opened the floor for public comment; there was no public comment

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, January 13, 2016. (0007-16)

b) WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Altoona ( "City") supports an exemption from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's (LCB) regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises for property owned by the Buccinese Society (hereinafter "Buccinese Society") located at 612-14 Eighth Avenue, Altoona, Pa; and

WHEREAS, the Buccinese Society has submitted a suggested area for the said exemption, a description of said area being attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, 47 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 4-493.1 (b) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, permits a municipality to petition the LCB to request an exemption from the LCB regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the premises with one requirement for said exemption being that the municipality has enacted a noise ordinance and, in the event the exemption is granted, will enforce the noise ordinance with regard to the area exempted; and

WHEREAS, the City has enacted Ordinance No. 5568, which regulates noise within the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Altoona desires to support the filing of a petition by the City to have the area described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, exempted from the LCB regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises within said described area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and the same is hereby resolved by the Council of the City of Altoona that said Council hereby authorizes and supports the filing of a petition with the LCB requesting an exemption from the LCB regulations regarding amplified music being played off a licensed premises of the Buccinese Society located at 812-814 Eighth Avenue, Altoona, Pa, within the area described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documents necessary to accomplish the same. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said City Council declares the City's intent to enforce the Noise Ordinance Numbered 5568 in place of the LCB's regulations regarding the same. (0008-16)

c) reappointing Christopher Kirwin to the Altoona Housing Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0009-16)

d) appointing UPMC representative Mario Wilfong to the AMED Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0010-16)

- e) reappointing Gerald Hymes to the Altoona Parking Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0011-16)
- f) reappointing Richard Fiore Jr. to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0012-16)
- g) approving the Altoona City Official Appointment Agreement between the City of Altoona and City Manager Marla Marcinko and further authorizing the appropriate signatures on said Agreement and for the City Clerk to attest to same and appointing Marla Marcinko to the Altoona Water Authority for a term of five years with said term expiring the first Monday of January 2021. (0013-16)
- h) reappointing Scott Cessna to the AMTRAN Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0014-16)
- i) reappointing Stu Sellers to the Electrical Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2020. (0015-16)
- j) reappointing Larry Field to the Altoona Code Appeals Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0016-16)
- k) reappointing Timothy Bettwy to the Electrical Examiner's Board for a term of three years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0017-16)
- l) reappointing Steve Shank to the Plumbing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0018-16)
- m) appointing David Albright to the Altoona Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Dwight Knouse. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2017. (0019-16)
- n) reappointing James Dixon to the Altoona Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2020. (0020-16)
- o) reappointing Sam Frye to the Altoona Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2020. (0021-16)
- p) reappointing Nancy Fellabaum to the Shade Tree Commission for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0022-16)

q) reappointing Horace McAnuff to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2021. (0023-16)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the City Clerk took the consent vote which passed 7 to 0 with all present

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, CHAPTER 535 ENTITLED "PLANNING," PART 3 ENTITLED "ZONING," TO: 1. AMEND SECTION 535-47 ENTITLED "ZONING MAP" TO: REZONE, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2200 TO 2210 PLEASANT VALLEY BOULEVARD, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM R-SH, SINGLE HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL TO C-HB COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY BUSINESS USE SAID PROPERTY BOUNDED BY VALLEY VIEW AND PLEASANT VALLEY BOULEVARDS ON THE EAST, OLMES STREET ON THE SOUTH, SOUTH 22ND STREET ON THE NORTH, AND BOUNDED BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF MARK D. EBERHART AND MOUNTAIN CITY RISK MANAGEMENT, LLC. ON THE WEST, UPON REQUEST OF TWENTY TWO HUNDRED PLEASANT VALLEY, LLC./JAMES FINK AND VINCENT ADAMS AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO SAID ORDINANCE AS EXHIBIT "A"; AND SAID ORDINANCE WILL PROVIDE AN ENABLING ACT, REPEALER , SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh

## DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council committee assignments were discussed and agreed upon as follows:

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Mayor Pacifico, Vice-Mayor Haire and Councilman Neugebauer (alt)

Greater Altoona Economic Development Corporation Board – Mayor Pacifico, Councilman Neugebauer and Vice-Mayor Haire (alt)

Blair County 24 Member Advisory Committee - Councilman Butterbaugh

Blair County Community Action Agency - Councilman Neugebauer

Central Blair Recreation Commission - Councilman Cagle (voting member), Councilman Neugebauer and Councilman Cacciotti (alt)

South Central Blair Co. Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee – Mayor Pacifico

Blighted Property Review Committee - Councilman Butterbaugh

ABCD Corporation - Mayor Pacifico

Intermunicipal Relations Committee - Councilman Cagle

Pyramid Healthcare - Councilwoman Jordan

Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation - Councilwoman Jordan

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

Goodman Trust Advisory Board - Linda Rickens Schellhammer and Councilman Cacciotti

Public Access Committee - Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Cable Negotiations Committee - Marla Marcinko, Larry Clapper and Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Blair County Chamber Board - Mayor Pacifico, Ex Officio Member

Workers Comp. Review Committee - Mayor Pacifico, Councilman Butterbaugh and Councilman Cacciotti

Strategic Planning Committee - Governing Body

Business Enhancement Committee - Mayor Pacifico, Councilman Butterbaugh and Councilman Cagle

Technology Committee (wi-fi) - Councilman Cagle, Councilman Butterbaugh, Vice-Mayor Haire and Victor Curfman

Volunteer Service Committee - Councilman Neugebauer, Councilman Cagle and Councilwoman Jordan

Personnel Evaluation Committee - Councilman Neugebauer, Vice-Mayor Haire and Councilman Cagle

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*, Steve Willet, WRTA and Marielena Balouris, WTAJ TV-10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:40 pm