

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – JULY 12, 2017 – 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, July 13, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers  
SILENT MEDITATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Jordan, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Community Development Department 2016 Annual Report – Lee Slusser, Director; available on the City's website and attached to the minutes.

Mayor Pacifico announced that a resolution would be added to the agenda regarding the Cesare Battisti Club and the request of the LCB to change some of the language in the recently submitted resolution; City Solicitor Larry Clapper read the resolution into the record.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Dan Beyer, EADS Group and Drew Swope, Keystone Custom Homes discussed the proposed single family duplex off of Beckman Drive and asked Council for the support of their request for a zoning change from RS to R-MH, which would create one uniformed zone, stating there is a demand for one story living with a garage; this will not be townhomes and will have a vegetative buffer and storm water will be handled by EADS and the City; Mr. Swope also stated that he employs a full-time maintenance staff

Cindy Oswalt of 326 Morningside Avenue asked for a legal deed restriction filed at the Courthouse regarding the duplexes and stated she is concerned for the storm water and run off

Mike Dymtryshok of 1728 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue stated the grass at 1725 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue has not been cut this year; it is a vacant home in foreclosure; also, there are overhanging trees at N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between N. 17<sup>th</sup> and N. 18<sup>th</sup> Streets; there are also overhanging trees at N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street between N. 6<sup>th</sup> and N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that this is a bus route

Gary Donnelly of 719 Bryant Avenue discussed the vandalism that is taking place on his property and asked for police patrol stating the vandalism subsided somewhat when there was police presence; Public Works Director Nate Kissell reviewed the counts that were done in the area stating the department does not feel there is a problem that can be addressed in the area

David Heisler of 223 Dewey Street stated barriers are needed at Longfellow and Frankstown Road in order to force traffic down to the stop light

## RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 13, 2017. (0054-17)

b)adopting the 2017 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and certifications and the City Clerk to attest to same and to file appropriate statements, certifications and meeting minutes with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (0055-17)

c)approving the Disposition Application by the Altoona Housing Authority to the Special Applications Center (SAC) through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for disposal/sale of ten (10) scattered site public housing properties owned by the Altoona Housing Authority with said property addresses as follows: 114 Lexington Avenue, 504 Crawford Avenue, 705 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 820 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1407 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 1501 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 1904 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2021 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2114 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2514 West Chestnut Avenue (vacant lot). (0056-17)

d)supporting the petition for exemption from Section 493(34) of the PA Liquor Code regarding amplified music for the Cesare Battisti. (0057-17)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 7 to 0 with all present

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, CHAPTER 800 ENTITLED "ZONING," TO: 1. AMEND SECTION 800-27 ENTITLED "ZONING MAP" TO REZONE, FROM R-S, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TO R- MH MULTIPLE-HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY BECKMAN DRIVE ON THE SOUTH, BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF KATHLEEN R. PAUL, JANET G. EBERSOLE AND KEYSTONE CUSTOM HOMES & DEVELOPMENT INC. ON THE WEST, BY PENN CIRCLE DRIVE AND LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF LEO D. ENGLEMAN ON THE NORTH, AND BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF JENNIFER L. MILLER, DENNIS J. AND MARJORIE A. ANSMAN, AND STEVEN J AND CYNTHIA M. OSEWALT ON THE EAST; UPON REQUEST OF KEYSTONE CUSTOM HOMES AND DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND GRETKA REAL ESTATE

PARTNERSHIP, ALL AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO SAID ORDINANCE AS EXHIBIT "A"; 2. PROVIDE ENABLING AND SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER AND 3. ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Cacciotti

### Introduction

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE PUMPER AND LADDER FIRE TRUCKS, THROUGH A MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INVOLVED WITH SAID PURCHASES; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by the Governing Body

### Adoption

#### Vice-Mayor Haire

3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 640 ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS" TO INCLUDE: PROVIDE MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL GROOMING SALONS, ART GALLERIES, ATHLETIC FIELDS, BANKS, BARS, BARBERSHOPS, CONVENIENCE STORES, DANCE OR MARTIAL ARTS STUDIOS, DAY CARE CENTERS, DENTAL OFFICES, EATERIES AND RESTAURANTS, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES OR HOSPITALS, HEALTH CLUBS, HOTELS, MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL ESTABLISHMENTS, NURSING HOMES AND STADIUMS; RESTRICT THE HEIGHT OF LIGHTING UNITS IN SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL, LIMITED RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL, URBAN MIXED RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICTS AND UP TO 25 FEET IN ALL OTHER ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDE FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF CHAPTER 640 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE FOR A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5705)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer.

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Haire

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Vice-Mayor Haire

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

### Adoption

### Mayor Pacifico

4)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 800 ENTITLED "ZONING" TO INCLUDE: FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING AS A PURPOSE; INCLUDE THE DEFINITION OF ACCESSIBILITY; ELIMINATE AND INCLUDE CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF A ZONING PERMIT; REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO SUBMIT A REPORT FOR CHANGING A NONCONFORMING USE; ALLOW WHEELCHAIR RAMPS WITHIN SETBACKS AS SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; REQUIRE GROUP HOMES AND HALFWAY HOUSES FOR PEOPLE NOT IN A PROTECTED CLASS TO OBTAIN SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS INCLUDING OFF STREET PARKING, OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES AND SECURITY MEASURES; DELETE APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND OTHER MULTIPLE HOUSEHOLD USES FROM THE PURPOSE OF THE R-MH MULTIPLE-HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL ZONE; PERMIT CERTAIN SIGNS AS A SPECIAL CONDITION IN CERTAIN ZONES UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, INCLUDING BRIGHTNESS; ALLOW PERMITTED ELECTRONIC SIGNS TO BE NO BRIGHTER THAN 0.3 FOOT-CANDLES ABOVE AMBIENT LIGHTS CONDITIONS; PROVIDE FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF CHAPTER 800 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE FOR A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5706)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer.

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Haire

Second – Councilwoman Jordan

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

### MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Neugebauer mentioned the July 4<sup>th</sup> Run in downtown Altoona and was curious about the statistics for the YMCA race. Mayor Pacifico stated he believed they broke 900 participants and it is the largest race that Hollidaysburg YMCA does in their race series and they plan to increase promotion for next year.

Mayor Pacifico stated the City of Altoona will hold their first National Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> in Heritage Plaza from 6 to 9 pm which will consist of local police, fire, first responders, food vendors and a concert

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:25 p.m.