

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 11, 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, October 12, 2017.

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Girl Scout Troop #46542 of Fairview Hills

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Jordan, Neugebauer (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Nuclear Energy Support in PA – Beverly Green, First Energy External Affairs Manager, provided information regarding resolution i and asked for Council's support stating there are issues facing plants in PA and First Energy is educating the general public, employees and elected officials and organizations regarding nuclear energy and its importance to electric generation; PA plants generate 40% of the Commonwealth's electricity and the power stations can power 10 million homes with electricity around the clock; the plants contribute 2 billion dollars annually to the PA economy, employ 16,000 Pennsylvanians directly and indirectly and generate 438 million dollars annually in state and federal revenue; New York and Illinois have taken legislative action to implement programs and recognize plants in their states and Ohio is next

A Proclamation was presented by Mayor Pacifico to Deputy Fire Chief Mike Tofano of the Altoona Fire Department for Fire Prevention Month

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Brian Daugherty of 403 1st Avenue described what he identified as landlord issues and problems with code enforcement and rental inspection

Lori Gilbert-Kehoe of 1808 7th Avenue asked that all city codes officers be required to follow codes regarding their own property maintenance and be held to the same standard as city residents

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, September 13, 2017. (0081-17)

b) approving the request of Weis Markets, Inc. to transfer Liquor License No. R-21382 from the PA Liquor Control Board (PLCB) for use at a restaurant facility located within the City of Altoona located at 601 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA. (0082-17)

c)authorizing the Chief of Police to sign the letter attached hereto to execute an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, for the use of their indoor range and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0083-17)

d)awarding the 2017 Tree Pruning and Removal Project to Bennetti Tree Service, Inc. of 162 Bennetti Drive, Altoona, PA 16602 in the amount of \$12,085.00 payable from the Shade Tree Commission Line Item and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0084-17)

e)approving the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which includes a reasonable, prioritized, and practical list of capital projects to be undertaken by the City over the next five-years. These capital projects are designed to preserve the City's infrastructure, ensure the safety and efficiency of City personnel, and maintain the quality of life in the community. (0085-17)

f)authorizing a letter of support for the Blair County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) application to PennDOT for Supplemental Transit Studies Funding for a Traffic Circulation Study of Downtown Altoona. (0086-17)

g)authorizing the City Manager to sign Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) Applications on behalf of the City of Altoona. (0087-17)

h)authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Altoona, to enter into a Highway Occupancy Permit Agreement (HOP), attached hereto, with Kranbros, LLC, for use of stormwater facilities within PennDOT right-of-way in the City of Altoona and further authorizing the City Clerk to attest to same. (0088-17)

i)urging our elected officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support policies that preserve Pennsylvania's nuclear energy plants, because of their support for our local economy by creating thousands of jobs, strengthening our commitment to a pollution and carbon-free environment, and ensuring a more reliable and resilient electric grid for consumers and businesses, while creating a sustainable energy future for generations. (0089-17)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh asked about resolution i and exactly what is being asked of Council and if it is something general or will they be asking for taxpayer dollars; Beverly Green stated the Department of Energy did issue a report this week about the importance of maintaining coal and nuclear plants and they are expecting the federal government will begin to take action and that there will be conversation at the state level; there is no proposed legislation at this point and they are requesting that the resolution show it is an important topic and there is support; City Manager Marla Marcinko stated Council's action would be to approve resolution i which is urging the Commonwealth to support policies to

preserve PA's nuclear energy plants and additionally that this resolution would be forwarded to state legislators and the Governor; at this time the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 7 to 0 with all present

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Vice-Mayor Haire thanked Public Works for saving over \$30,000 for work done near Wendy's in an area known as a gateway to UPMC; GAEDC, Sheetz and UPMC supplied the funding for the project and since the majority of the work was done in-house the money went back to GAEDC and \$25,000 went toward facade loans for businesses downtown and \$9000 to the Mt. Lion Backpack Program

Vice-Mayor Haire announced and congratulated Mayor Pacifico for being appointed to the position of second VP for PML at the recent PML Summit held in Erie, PA

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*; Matt Riddle, WTAJ TV-10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:50 p.m.