

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 10, 2018 – 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 11, 2018.

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, Jordan, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Proclamation presented to Fire Chief Tim Hileman for Fire Prevention Month

Recognition of Captain Kelly Dilling, Captain Jim Campbell and Firefighter Alex Eberhart of the Altoona Fire Department by Fire Chief Tim Hileman

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, September 12, 2018. (0077-18)

b) awarding the Veterans Memorial Field – Chain Link Fence Replacement Project to Craig Fencing of 300 East 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$45,775.00 payable from CDBG Funds and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0078-18)

c) authorizing an agreement between the City of Altoona and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the 2017 Green Light-Go Program Grant for signal upgrades at 12th Avenue and 13th Street and 13th Avenue and 16th Street in the total amount of \$450,028.00 of which \$360,022.00 is payable from the Grant and \$90,006.00 is payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0079-18)

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

ORDINANCES

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO REVISE CHAPTER 633 ENTITLED "STREET VACATION" TO VACATE OAK AVENUE ALLEY BETWEEN OAK AVENUE AND WALNUT AVENUE AND BETWEEN ALLEGHENY STREET AND 29TH STREET; REAFFIRM CHAPTER 633 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Vice-Mayor Cacciotti.

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 550 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY: 1. ADOPTING THE 2015 VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; 2. RELOCATING SUBPART E "RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTION AND LICENSING" TO CHAPTER 570 OF THE CODE; 3. RELOCATING SUBPART F "ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS" TO CHAPTER 563 OF THE CODE; 4. RELOCATING SUBPART G "REGISTRATION OF PROPERTIES IN DEFAULT OF MORTGAGE TO CHAPTER 560 OF THE CODE; 5. PROVIDING THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; 6. PROVIDING SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND 7. PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 560 TO BE ENTITLED "REGISTRATION OF PROPERTIES IN DEFAULT OF MORTGAGE", TO PROVIDE: 1. APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER; 2. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT; 3. A WAIVER OF REGISTRATION FEE REQUIREMENT FOR A LOCAL AGENT REGISTRATION; 4. A FEE SCHEDULE; 5. AUTHORIZE RULES AND REGULATIONS; 6. DEFINITIONS; 7. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; 8. PURPOSE/AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT; AND 9. PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 563 TO BE ENTITLED "REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS", TO PROVIDE: 1. APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER; 2. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT; 3. A REQUIREMENT FOR A LOCAL AGENT REGISTRATION; 4. A FEE SCHEDULE; 5. WAIVER OF REGISTRATION FEE PROVISIONS; 6. AUTHORIZE RULES AND REGULATIONS; 7. DEFINITIONS; 8. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; 9. A PURPOSE; 10. AN AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT PROVISIONS; AND 11. PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 570 TO BE ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTION", TO PROVIDE: 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT LICENSES; 2. FORM OF APPLICATION; 3. TIME FOR APPLICATION; 4. ISSUANCE OF CONDITIONAL HOUSING PERMITS; 5. SIGNATURE TO PERMIT; 6. FEE SCHEDULE; 7. DISPLAY AND USE OF LICENSE; 8. OWNER'S RIGHTS; 9. RULES AND REGULATIONS; 10. DEFINITIONS; 11. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; 12. PURPOSE/AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT; AND 13. PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Mayor Pacifico.

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 362, ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS" TO AMEND AND RESTATE SAID FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS WHICH RELATE TO LAND SUSCEPTIBLE TO BEING INUNDATED BY WATER FROM ANY SOURCE BY: ADDING AND DELETING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; CORRECTING TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS; PERMITTING DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR FLOODPLAIN PERMIT APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND ASSOCIATED FEES; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING START OF CONSTRUCTION AND TIME PROVISIONS, PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATION AND PENALTY PROVISIONS; PROVIDING APPLICATION AND VARIANCE PROCEDURES; PROVIDING TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS; AND SETTING FORTH DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE. SAID ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES: PURPOSE, RESTATEMENT, AND SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REAFFIRMS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AS AMENDED AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA INCURRING "LEASE RENTAL DEBT," AS DEFINED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$11,695,000, EVIDENCED BY ITS GUARANTY OF 100% OF THE PAYMENTS DUE UNDER A "DEBT OBLIGATION" OF THE ALTOONA WATER AUTHORITY ISSUED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST), IN CONNECTION WITH THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY, AND PAY RELATED EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING A GUARANTY AGREEMENT, BY AND AMONG THIS CITY AS GUARANTOR, THE AUTHORITY, AND PENNVEST, AS LENDER, SECURING THE DEBT OBLIGATION; PLEDGING (1) ANY SEWER SYSTEM REVENUES OF THIS CITY, AND (2) THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWER OF THIS CITY, IN SUPPORT OF ITS GUARANTY; APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH GUARANTY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS.

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

Adoption

Mayor Pacifico

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 558 TO BE ENTITLED "REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DESIGNATED AS LAND BANK" TO PROVIDE FOR: THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE LAND BANK FOR THE CITY; FINDINGS; A PURPOSE AND INTENT; THE AUTHORITY FOR ACTION TAKEN; DEFINITIONS; COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION; ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF; ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY; INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES; THE DISCHARGE AND ABATEMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CLAIMS; THE PRICING AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY HELD BY THE LAND BANK; POLICIES; FINANCIAL PROVISIONS; REVOCATION OF DESIGNATION; FILING OF THE ORDINANCE WITH THE COMMONWEALTH; A REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5726)

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

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Vice-Mayor Cacciotti

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

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Council held a discussion regarding the trees on the right of way along 7th and 8th Streets and decided to re-visit the process and make changes to the Ordinance over the winter months; this may be a good area for the Shade Tree Commission to be involved as there are several issues that need to be addressed including waiving permission to cut in a protected corridor when the City is asking for the property owners to cut; types of species to recommend along with the master plan and better guidelines; attention to neighborhoods where tree trunks are wide and growing out onto the streets and are considered an obstruction and the enormous cost involved for a property owner

Councilwoman Jordan asked for a resident about replacement of a sidewalk on 16th Street; Nate Kissell explained that DPW focuses on the walkability plan but more about the downtown area that have handicapped ramps and priority is given to these areas; a new sidewalk is the responsibility of the property owner

Council discussed a letter received regarding the forgiveness of liens on a property; it was determined that requests are reviewed on an individual basis; it was discussed that if this property is to be used for something requiring a special exception that this should be determined as well as whether the other non-city liens are going to be forgiven; there will also be land development requirements; it is in the best interest of the requestor to make sure the property can be developed for what the requestor wants it for; this would have to be in place before the liens are forgiven; there was a consensus of a majority of Council to forgive the liens; the requestor will also need to settle with the other taxing bodies

Mayor Pacifico thanked everyone for their participation in the Community Clean Up Day that was held October 6th.

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:10 p.m.