

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Oath of Office for Newly Elected, Organizational/Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 8, 2020 - 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 9, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE AND REMARKS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED – City Solicitor Dan Stants

Mayor-Elect Matt Pacifico
Councilman-Elect Jesse Ickes
Councilman-Elect Joe Carper

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:18 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Carper, Ickes, Kelley, and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilwoman Jordan

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Andrea Cohen of the Devorris Companies thanked the City for supporting the Heritage Plaza Pavilion project stating the Devorris Downtown Fund was established in 2017 following the death of her Father, Don Devorris, and there has been a lot of support monetarily and they recently reached out again for donations for this very unique project that will enhance Heritage Plaza

RESOLUTIONS

a)appointing Councilman Dave Butterbaugh to serve as Vice-Mayor with said term expiring the first Monday of January 2022. (0001-20)

b)approving the City Council Meeting Schedule, attached hereto, for the year 2020, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Altoona. (0002-20)

c)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 4, 2019. (0003-20)

d)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 11, 2019. (0004-20)

e)authorizing the renewal of a Hazardous Material Response Team Agreement between the City of Altoona, County of Blair and the Blair County Local Emergency Management Planning Committee beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0005-20)

f)authorizing a Private License Agreement between the City of Altoona and Marian House Manor, Inc. of 1408 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA, for the purpose of installing an ADA Sidewalk Ramp, located on the City's right-of-way area at 4th Avenue between 14th Street and 15th Street, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0006-20)

g)authorizing a grant application for Traffic Signal Improvements at 13th Street and 13th Avenue and Replacement of Inner-Duct Communications Line in the Downtown Closed Loop System and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0007-20)

h)amending the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program transferring \$14,518.35 from the completed 2018 Public Safety Services Program Accessibility Project to the 2018 Washington Avenue Storm Drainage Project. (0008-20)

i)authorizing the City Solicitor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania State Police and the City of Altoona, for the PSP Megan's Law Compliance Unit, to coordinate compliance checks of sexual offenders residing in Altoona, with the Altoona Police Department. (0009-20)

j)awarding the Heritage Plaza Pavilion Project Base Bid and Item No. 3-Precast Concrete Sign Structure to Ventura Construction Services, Inc. of 800 North 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$274,900.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0010-20)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on all items and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments to Authorities/Boards/Commissions

Mayor Pacifico made the following recommendations:

Altoona Housing Authority – re-appointment of Scott Brown

AMED Authority – appointment of Brad Kissell to fill the unexpired term of Dick DiAndrea

Altoona Parking Authority – re-appointment of Bruce Johnstone

Altoona Parking Authority – appointment of Ted Beam to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Hymes

Altoona Water Authority – re-appointment of William Neugebauer

Civil Service Board – re-appointment of Frank Garritano

Civil Service Board – re-appointment of Mitchell Cooper as an alternate

Altoona Code Appeals Board – re-appointment of Dave Hess

Electrical Examiner’s Board – re-appointment of Karl Kessler

Plumbing Board – re-appointment of Michael Seidel

Altoona City Planning Commission – re-appointment of James Dixon

Altoona City Planning Commission – re-appointment of Michael Haire

Shade Tree Commission – re-appointment of Paula Over

All members of Council were in favor of the Mayor’s recommendation and none were opposed; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

Council Committee Assignments were discussed and are as follows:

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Mayor Pacifico and Councilman Butterbaugh

Greater Altoona Economic Development Corporation Board - Mayor Pacifico and Councilman Butterbaugh

Blair County 24 Member Advisory Committee - Councilman Butterbaugh

Blair County Community Action Agency - Mayor Pacifico

Central Blair Recreation Commission - Councilman Cacciotti (voting member) and Councilman Ickes

South Central Blair Co. Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee - Mayor Pacifico And City Manager Ken Decker

ABCD Corporation- Mayor Pacifico and City Manager Ken Decker

Intermunicipal Relations Committee - Councilman Kelley and City Manager Ken Decker

Pyramid Healthcare - Councilman Carper

Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation - Councilwoman Jordan and Chief Freehling

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:40 p.m.