

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – AUGUST 11, 2025 - 6:00 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 Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Beatty, Butterbaugh, Clinich, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session on August 11<sup>th</sup> prior to the Council Meeting for Personnel and real estate matters.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonita Shreve of 1413 Ivyside Drive stated she is strongly opposed to the Pride Parade that is scheduled in downtown Altoona in October and that Altoona is a conservative area and the children need to be protected.

Bob Kutz of the Blair Bedford Labor Council thanked the City Manager for working with him and his group on the licensing changes; asked Council to continue the operation of the board who are knowledgeable, stating the board should oversee the three-strike rule.

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, July 14, 2025. (0119-25)
- b) awarding the 2025 Asphalt Crack and Joint Sealing Project to CriLon Corp., 279 Industrial Park Road, Somerset, PA 15501, in the amount of \$85,468.49, payable from the Highway Aid Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0120-25)
- c) awarding the 2025 Tree Project to Henry Enterprises, Inc. P.O. Box 156, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$6,417.50, payable from the General Fund-Tree Maintenance, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0121-25)
- d) amending the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), creating an 8<sup>th</sup> Street Curb and Sidewalks Project and transferring \$18,896.50

from the Blighted Property Program and \$186,435.38 to the newly created 8<sup>th</sup> Street Curb and Sidewalk Project, for a total amount of \$205,331.88, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same, as needed. (0122-25)

- e) awarding a Demolition Bid for 1907 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$15,645.50, payable from the City of Altoona All Together Altoona Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0123-25)
- f) adopting the 2025-2029 City of Altoona CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan and the 2025 CDBG/HOME Annual Plan and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to file appropriate statements, certifications, and meeting minutes with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (0124-25)
- g) appointing Cory Tubo to the Altoona Parking Authority to fill the unexpired term of Barry D'Andrea. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0125-25)
- h) appointing an individual to the Zoning Hearing Board to serve as an alternate member. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (Tabled)
- i) concurring with the Blair County Commissioners certification of Discover Blair County, an affiliate member organization of the Blair County Alliance for Business and Economic Growth, as the designated and recognized Tourist Promotion Agency for the County of Blair. (0126-25)
- j) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$1500.00, submitted by Daniel Albright of 1918 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 1800 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0127-25)
- k) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Amber Parisi of 1227 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 1229 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0128-25)
- l) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$20.00, submitted by Michael Henninger of 1214 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1212 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0129-25)
- m) approving a Repository Bid submitted by GDI Enterprises LLC, 1742 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19152, in the amount of \$500.00 each and located at 2609 Maple

Avenue, 2015 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1124 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1125 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 613 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0130-25) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

- n) approving a Repository Bid submitted by RIO Solutions Corp., 10185 Stonehenge Circle #1314, Boynton Beach, FL 33437, in the amount of \$50.00 each and located at 819 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2609 Maple Avenue, 2015 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1926 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 719 N 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0131-25) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have items m,n, pulled for separate votes which did not pass 0-7 with all present; Mayor Pacifico asked to have item i pulled for a separate vote which passed 6-1 with all present with Mayor Pacifico voting no stating he is not sure if this is the answer; the consent vote was taken on items a through g and j through l and passed 7 to 0 with all present.

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 640 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO REPEAL THE CURRENT TEXT AND REPLACE IT IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEAL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; REAFFIRMING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

### Introduction

- 2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 800 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED "ZONING" TO REPEAL THE CURRENT TEXT AND REPLACE IT IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEAL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; REAFFIRMING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Vice-Mayor Ellis.

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- 3) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AS FOLLOWS: 1) AMENDING CHAPTER 270 ENTITLED

"CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS," BY ADDING ARTICLE IV THEREOF ENTITLED "CONTRACTOR LICENSING" TO REQUIRE THE LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS WORKING IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA; 2) AMENDING CHAPTER 314 ENTITLED "ELECTRICIANS" TO REQUIRE THE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS WORKING IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AND SET THE REQUIREMENTS THEREOF; 3) AMENDING CHAPTER 542 ENTITLED "PLUMBERS" TO REQUIRE THE LICENSING OF PLUMBERS WORKING IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AND SET THE REQUIREMENTS THEREOF; 4) PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER; AND 5) ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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- 4) AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF THE ALLEY SITUATE BEHIND 615 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET BETWEEN N. 6<sup>th</sup> AVENUE AND N. 7<sup>th</sup> PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO LORRIE STIRLING, AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID PORTION; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Councilman Ickes.

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- 5) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF TWO SEPARATE LOTS OF FAIRVIEW PARK AS DEPICTED IN THE VACATION PLAN BY THE EADS GROUP ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID LOTS; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Councilwoman Clinich.

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- 6) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF SIX SEPARATE LOTS OF GARFIELD PARK AS DEPICTED IN THE VACATION PLAN BY THE EADS GROUP ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID LOTS; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Councilman Beatty.

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- 7) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF A TWENTY-FIVE (25) FOOT PORTION OF UNOPENED TYLER AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH TWELFTH STREET AND SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO ROBERT B. DIEHL AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID UNOPENED AVENUE; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Councilwoman Clinich.

Introduction

- 8) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF A SEVEN AND ONE HALF (7.5) FOOT PORTION OF AN UNOPENED ALLEY BETWEEN SOUTH TWELFTH STREET AND SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO ROBERT B. DIEHL AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID UNOPENED ALLEY; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Councilman Ickes.

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- 9) AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA INCURRING "LEASE RENTAL DEBT," AS DEFINED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,750,000, 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 WATER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY, AND PAY RELATED EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING A GUARANTY AGREEMENT, BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF ALTOONA, AS GUARANTOR, THE ALTOONA WATER AUTHORITY, AND PENNVEST, AS LENDER, SECURING THE DEBT OBLIGATION; PLEDGING (1) CERTAIN WATER SYSTEM LEASE REVENUES OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, AND (2) THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWER OF THE CITY, IN SUPPORT OF ITS GUARANTY; APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH GUARANTY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read this ordinance into the record. It was introduced by Councilman Beatty.

## Adoption - Councilman Ickes

- 10) AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WHICH ELIMINATES CHAPTER 646-15 TO 646-23 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO AMUSEMENT TAX ASSESSMENTS. (ORD. NO. 5827)

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

Introduction – Councilman Ickes

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Ickes

Second – Vice-Mayor Ellis

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

## Adoption - Councilwoman Clinich

- 11) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF EAST ALTOONA AVENUE, AS DEPICTED IN THE SURVEY OF KELLER ENGINEERS, INC. PROJECT NO. 4569-1, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO ALTOONA PROPERTY LLC (AUBREY ALEXANDER) AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID PORTION OF EAST ALTOONA AVENUE; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(ORD. NO. 5828)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilwoman Clinich  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Beatty  
Second – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0  
with all present

Adoption - Councilman Beatty

- 12) AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF EAST BLAIR AVENUE AS DEPICTED IN THE SURVEY OF KELLER ENGINEERS, INC. PROJECT NO. 4569-1 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO ALTOONA PROPERTY LLC (AUBREY ALEXANDER) AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID PORTION OF EAST BLAIR AVENUE; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5829)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Beatty  
Motion for Adoption – Councilwoman Clinich  
Second – Mayor Pacifico  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0  
with all present

Adoption - Vice-Mayor Ellis

- 13) AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF ONE-HALF OF AN UNOPENED PORTION OF LLOYD STREET BETWEEN E. LOGAN AVE. AND E. GRANT AVE. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO MICHAEL COHO, AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID PORTION; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5830)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
Second – Councilman Ickes  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0  
with all present

Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

- 14) AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF THE N. 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE ALLEY BETWEEN N. 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET & N. 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO HOLLY & MICHAEL BIANCONI, AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE, AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID PORTION; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5831)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Beatty  
Second – Councilwoman Clinich  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – none at this time

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Vice-Mayor Ellis thanked staff regarding their work with czb and the re-write of the Zoning and SALDO ordinances

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA - Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:39 p.m.