

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION &  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WITHIN THE WORKSESSION  
MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.  
ALTOONA CITY HALL – 1301 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
COMMON ROOM – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR - ALTOONA, PA 16601

1. Call to Order by Mayor Pacifico at 6pm in the Common Room of Altoona City Hall
2. Silent Meditation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; Councilman Ellis was absent
5. Presentations were given as follows:

America250PA Blair County was discussed and presented by County Controller A.C. Stickel who reviewed the committee's plans and asked Council for a resolution of endorsement and welcomed Council to appoint a council member or resident to the commission

The Vision for Penn State Altoona was presented by Chancellor Ron Darbeau to include enhanced enrollment, diversity and fund raising and plans to accomplish these; Chancellor Darbeau stated enrollment is currently in the 2300's and the goal is the mid 3000's

6. All Public Comment was offered and none was given
7. Discussion Items consisted of the following:
  - a) KOEZ – Council reviewed the resolution below and agreed to remove parcel 01.06-06.-014.00-000 from the attachment to the resolution; this is a parking area at the Mill; this is to continue a KOEZ that is expiring; this also has to be approved by the Commonwealth and was recently adopted by AASD and the County
  - b) An ARPA Projects Update was provided by Public Works Director Nate Kissell
  - c) City Manager Updates – Pension boards met and Marquette will provide specific funding and percentages soon
  - d) Mayor/Council Open Discussion – none at this time
8. Resolution
  - a) extending the term of exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in the City of Altoona, Blair County, designated as a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone ("KOEZ") or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone ("KOIZ") in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements and prevent

physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of the City of Altoona, Blair County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon certain terms and conditions. (0131-23)

The resolution was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; a vote was taken and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Ellis was absent

9. Media Questions – Media included Bill Kibler of the Altoona Mirror and a Videographer from WTAJ TV 10

10. Adjournment by Mayor Pacifico at 7:22 p.m.