

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – JULY 11, 2022 - 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, July 12, 2022.

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, Carper, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilman Butterbaugh

African American Heritage Festival Proclamation – presented to Paige Lightner, Harriet Gaston and Will Lightner by Mayor Pacifico; Harriet Gaston introduced Alicia Madden and Jay Young of the festival committee

Public Works Department Annual Report – Nate Kissell, Director

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session after the prior meeting for personnel matters, real estate and potential litigation

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Attorney Mike Gieg of 401 N. Logan Boulevard introduced his client, Suzanne Wise of the Trianon Bar & Grille stating Ms. Wise owns the Trianon at 500 N. 2nd Street and the petition for the PLCB is for the property next to the bar at 504 N. 2nd Street and they would be happy to answer questions

Kevin Taylor of 424 Crawford Avenue had questions regarding the DPW annual report

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2022. (0086-22)
- b) authorizing the Altoona City Planning Commission to review and update the comprehensive plan for presentation to and consideration by the Governing Body. (0087-22)
- c) authorizing the City of Altoona to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with Logan Township for the Traffic Signal Closed Loop System and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0088-22)

- d) authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds with Blair County and for the City Clerk to attest to same and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary certifications required to submit the application. (0089-22)
- e) authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto, between the City of Altoona and AFSCME District Council 83, Local Union #2188, regarding an amendment to the City's Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan, in order to add a spousal survivor's benefit for all eligible active AFSCME members, and to provide for a corresponding 1% increase to the existing employee contribution rate, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same as needed. (0090-22)
- f) authorizing and supporting the filing of a petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board requesting an exemption from the Liquor Control Board's regulations regarding amplified music being played off a licensed premises located at 504 N. 2nd Street, Altoona, PA 16601, and declaring the City's intent to enforce the Noise Ordinance No. 5700 adopted March 8, 2017, in place of the PLCB'S regulations regarding the same, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0091-22)
- g) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Steve Weyant & Jessica Davison of 1902 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1824-1826 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0092-22) (pulled for separate vote) (did not pass)
- h) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Steve Weyant & Jessica Davison of 1902 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1828 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0093-22) (pulled for separate vote) (did not pass)
- i) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Steve Weyant & Jessica Davison of 1902 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1408 19th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0094-22) (pulled for separate vote) (did not pass)
- j) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$600.00, submitted by Ronald Mack of 2960 Show Jumper Lane, Reno, NV 89521, for property located at 506-508 5th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0095-22)
- k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00, submitted by Rachelle Soussan of Sea Investments, LLC of 264 Van Nostrand Avenue, Englewood, NJ

07631, for property located at 1420 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0096-22)

- l) authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the 10th Avenue Wall Replacement Project and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0097-22)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Mayor Pacifico asked to have items g, h and i pulled for separate votes; the City Clerk called for the consent vote on all items excluding items g, h, and i; the consent vote passed 6 to 0; Councilman Butterbaugh was absent; the City Clerk read items g, h, and i separately and called for the vote on each; the votes did not pass 0-6; Councilman Butterbaugh was absent

ORDINANCES - Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 800-6 "DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO ENTIRE CHAPTER 800" AND CHAPTER 800-55 "CENTRAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL ZONE" OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "CORPORATE HOUSING" AND TO ADD CORPORATE HOUSING TO THE LIST OF PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL USES [RMB1][TF2] FOR CENTRAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF ALTOONA.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED, "NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN."

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 98 ENTITLED, "PERSONNEL POLICIES" AND REPEALING SECTION 98-1 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH ADOPTION OF "CITY OF ALTOONA – NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL 2022"; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- City staff are reviewing curbs and sidewalks and will finalize a system for evaluation; they started with central City and above City Hall and the Keith area
- a TEAMS meeting was held with EADS to discuss the transportation center grant; things are in the early stages and it will take time to get it under design and out to bid
- a kickoff meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20th for the downtown parking study

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico thanked the Blair Regional YMCA for a great July 4th race in downtown Altoona; Mayor Pacifico also thanked to APD and AFD for all of their assistance with the race

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:55 p.m.