

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 13, 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, Butterbaugh, Carper, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS

A Proclamation was presented by Mayor Pacifico to Julie Turano-Good and Cathy Chirdon of the Brian Morden Foundation for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Gold Ribbon Day & in Honor & Memory of Dawn Morden; Ms. Chirdon and Ms. Good stated there will be a Gold Ribbon Day at the Altoona High School football game where Dawn Morden will be recognized as the Honorary Captain; there will also be a scholarship established in honor and memory of Dawn

2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Certification was presented by Omar Strohm, City Manager, to Mayor and Council, in the form of a worksheet which certified the amount of the City's obligation for the upcoming year. The numbers are an increase from last year and were taken from the 2021 actuarial report. The amounts will appear in the City's 2023 budget; the amounts must be contributed to the appropriate pension plans by December 31, 2023 and \$5,689,374.00 will be included in the 2023 budget; Omar stated the funding sources include ACT 205 pension tax transfer, state aid and general funds per an Auditor General ruling

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session after the August 22nd worksession for real estate and personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, August 8, 2022. (107-22)
- b) approving the request of Apple Pennsylvania, LLC to transfer Liquor License No. R-21099 from Logan Township for use within the City of Altoona at 317 West Plank Road, Altoona, PA. (108-22)

- c) amending the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program transferring \$500.00 from the Altoona Housing Authority Fairview Hills Playground Revitalization Project to the Single-Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. (109-22)

- d) approving the sale of the following capital assets by internet auction site GovDeals.com in accordance with Chapter 295-3 of the City of Altoona Code of Ordinances-Disposition of Surplus Real and Personal Property:

2010 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper VIN# NP2032D
2010 Tymco Street Sweeper VIN# 1HTJTSKN3AH194111
(110-22)

- e) awarding the Stormwater Improvement Walnut and Oak Avenues Project to Diehl Contracting, LLC of 54 Cooper Avenue, Glen Hope, PA 16645, in the amount of \$527,975.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (111-22)

- f) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by Timothy Wills of 1419 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 4800-06 Park Place, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (112-22)

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

ORDINANCES - Introduction

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND CHAPTER 405 ENTITLED "LEASE AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LANDS", TO: AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF THE FOLLOWING CITY OWNED LAND: 2206 10th AVENUE, 1930 11TH AVENUE, 215 6TH STREET, 211-13 6TH STREET, 523 8TH AVENUE, 3508 OAK AVENUE, 3504 OAK AVENUE, 3500 OAK AVENUE, 3428 OAK AVENUE, 3424 OAK AVENUE, 3420 OAK AVENUE, 3416 OAK AVENUE, 1520-22 N. 8TH AVENUE, 318 N. 5TH AVENUE, 317 PARK PLACE, 1018 N. 6TH AVENUE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALTOONA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 EACH; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF 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 Councilman Butterbaugh

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- representatives from Trans Associates will be completing parking counts on Thursday as well as during the concerts at Heritage Plaza
- the City Manager, Mayor Pacifico and Diana White traveled to Pittston, between Scranton and Wilkes Barre, to discuss how they conduct business
- after 24 years Chief Tim Hileman is retiring on Wednesday; Chief Hileman was thanked for his service, his professionalism and his dedication to the City and the people; Deputy Chief Adam Free will serve as Interim Chief

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of Council, Mayor Pacifico recognized retiring Chief Hileman for his service with a key to the City and a plaque for his years of service to the City and for everything he accomplished for the residents and for the City

Councilman Kelley thanked Chief Hileman and wished him the best
Councilman Kelley stated he attended the car show in downtown Altoona and submitted his car and it was a lot of fun, a great show and well attended

Councilman Carper congratulated Chief Hileman; Councilman Carper also stated there is a rise in the number of spotted lantern flies and they are super invasive and asked the public to become familiar with how they look and to kill them

Councilman Butterbaugh thanked Chief Hileman stating he did a great job and amazing work and he offered best wishes and prayers for the best in the future

Vice-Mayor Ickes congratulated Chief Hileman and his family and thanked him for his dedication to the City and his service to our Country; Vice-Mayor Ickes stated the recent 21st anniversary of 911 and the presentation this evening on behalf of childhood cancer is a stark reminder of how precious human life is

Councilman Ellis thanked Chief Hileman for his service stating he had big shoes to fill when he took over and that he took the department to a whole new level

Councilman Beatty thanked Chief Hileman for his service and congratulated Chief Hileman and wished him the best in his new endeavor

Mayor Pacifico stated an announcement is forthcoming about the expansion of the LERTA to include the entire City and residential property; the Blair County Commissioners and the Altoona School Board members will be meeting in the future regarding a public meeting on this matter

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:34 p.m.