

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 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 February 14, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers, following an executive session
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

Mayor Pacifico stated that Council held an executive session on personnel matters and potential litigation on Monday, January 9, 2023 following the council meeting and tonight, February 13, 2023 prior to the meeting for potential litigation as well as to receive information on a future matter that will come before council

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT - Devin Saylor of 424 Crawford Avenue asked the Mayor and Council if he and his business partners could attend the next worksession to present their production company idea to council

PRESENTATIONS - Moving Forward: Challenges & Successes – Rebecca Brown presented a power point on properties in the City

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2023. (0019-23)
- b) authorizing an Agility Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (PennDOT), for the exchange of services, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0020-23)
- c) authorizing the City Manager’s signature to implement the PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant for the Margaret Avenue Sidewalk Upgrades and for the Mayor to sign the resolution and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0021-23)

- d) awarding the North 7th Avenue & North 11th Street Roadway Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. of 157 Grannas Road, P. O. Box 488, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$345,432.60 of which \$200,000 is payable from ARPA Funds and \$145,432.60 is payable from Highway Aid Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0022-23)
- e) adopting the Developer's Agreement, attached hereto, between the City of Altoona and Graystone Grande Palazzo, LLC, for The Grande Palazzo Phase 3 Project, payable from the Special Reserve Fund, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0023-23)
- f) authorizing a Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Altoona and UPMC Altoona for the use of ARPA Funds, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for construction of an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing Unit, known as an EMPATH Unit, within the Altoona Emergency Department, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0024-23)
- g) approving the City of Altoona American Rescue Plan Act 2023 Business District Revitalization Grant Program Guidelines, attached hereto, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0025-23)
- h) approving a Second Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp.) for Administration of a Revolving Loan Fund, for the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA), in order to provide low interest loans to qualified borrowers, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0026-23)
- i) rescinding Resolution 0012-23, adopted January 9, 2023, which appointed Jesse Ickes to the Altoona City Planning Commission. (0027-23)
- j) appointing Randal Diviney to the Altoona Code Appeals Board. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2028. (0028-23)
- k) approving the naming of the new weight room at the 6th Ward Community Center, the Ty Clouser Memorial Weight Room, in honor and in memory of Ty Clouser, who grew up in the 6th Ward neighborhood and served as a youth coach, trainer, mentor and role model for numerous area youth. (0029-23)

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

ORDINANCES – Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AND COMCAST OF COLORADO/PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA, LLC.

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

Introduction – Councilman Ellis

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 640 "SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND LAND DEVELOPMENT", ARTICLE I "SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY" SECTION 640-2 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE, TO PERMIT THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO CONCURRENTLY SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, AND TO REAFFIRM THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 640.

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- a kick-off meeting for the Margaret Avenue building was held with final plans expected in August 2023, bidding in October 2023 and construction to follow with completion by the end of 2024
- staff is working on a flow chart for land development; it is one page with info for the public and is currently being reviewed by Blair County Planning Commission Director Dave McFarland
- staff is reviewing zoning on Kettle Street and will address recommendations at the next worksession

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council thanks Omar for the flow chart and for a process in place moving forward

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Ryan Risky of WTAJ TV-10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:49 p.m.