

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 12, 2024 - 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 Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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 October 15h for personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Servello of 3021 Spruce Avenue commented on the engine brake retarder ordinance removal

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 2024. (0187-24)
- b) approving the request of SR BEV, LLC for the Inter-Municipal Transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License No. D-3077 (distributor) from the former Bopin's Brew, 809 E. Main Street, Blair County, Bellwood, PA, for use within the City of Altoona at 3003 Walnut Avenue, Altoona, PA. (0188-24)
- c) authorizing the submission of a Local Share Assessment Grant Application, in the amount of \$296,800.00, for the Abandonment of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Underpasses, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0189-24)
- d) awarding the South 12<sup>th</sup> Street Stormwater Improvements Project to Straw Construction of 429 Fetterolf Road, Boswell, PA 15531, in the amount of \$336,200.03, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0190-24)
- e) awarding the Base Bid and Additional/Alternate Bid 1–Bus Stop Pull Off of the Broad Avenue Streetscape Union Ave to 24<sup>th</sup> St Project, to Ameron Construction of 2501 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803, in the amount of

\$604,984.10, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0191-24)

- f) awarding the 7<sup>th</sup> & Union Avenues & 25<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal, Sidewalk and Fiber Optic Upgrade Project to Ameron Construction of 2501 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803, in the amount of \$881,014.90, with \$695,787.30 payable from the Green Light-Go Grant and \$185,227.60 payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0192-24)
- g) awarding Repainting Light Poles at Vets Field to Clark Contractors, Inc., 145 Clark Building Road, Bedford, PA 15522, in the amount of \$60,028.41, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0193-24)
- h) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Rodney Alan Lightner, for the purpose of the installation & maintenance of traffic signal facilities, ADA ramps and sidewalks at 2501 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated September 19, 2024, Project No. 0120-19-478.77), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0194-24)
- i) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Jason D. Mapes, for the purpose of the installation and maintenance of stormwater facilities at 2929 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated Nov. 4, 2024, Project No. 0120-19-478.66), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0195-24)
- j) authorizing the submission of a Local Share Assessment Grant Application, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for the Construction of a Public Safety Training Center, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0196-24)
- k) approving the City of Altoona's 2024 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), which supersedes all previous plans, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0197-24)
- l) approving Repository Bids submitted by Kinsey Sheppard of 923 Newton Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510, each property listed in the amount of \$250.00 and located at 2609 Maple Avenue, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1814 11th Avenue, 1216 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and

324 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0198-24)

- m) approving Repository Bids submitted by Shamika Smith of 2700 Double Churches Road, Columbus, GA 31909, each property listed in the amount of \$450.00 and located at 324 Spruce Avenue and 719 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$325.00 for property located at 1432 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the amount of \$350.00 for property located at 1009 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and in the amount of \$375.00 for property located at 1216 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0199-24)
- n) approving Repository Bids submitted by Joanes do Nascimento Cardoso of 3600 Perry Street, Mount Ranier, MD 20712, each property listed in the amount of \$50.00 and located at 2015 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 3127-33 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0200-24)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a and c-k and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh requested to have items b and l-n pulled for separate votes; the vote was taken on item b and passed 6-1 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh voted no; votes were taken individually by the City Clerk on items l-n and each item did not pass 0-7 with all present

## ORDINANCES

### Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IN THE COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE YEAR 2025. (2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE)

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

### Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis

- 2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII THEREOF ENTITLED, "EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS TAX", TO LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AT THE FOLLOWING RATES FOR 2025: ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES BY AUTHORITY OF "THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT" (ACT 511); THREE TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.30%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND OPTIONAL PLANS LAW; AND FOUR TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.40%) TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN FUNDING STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT (ACT 205). IN ADDITION, SAID ORDINANCE WILL LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS WHO WORK IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AT THE FOLLOWING RATES: ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES BY AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT (ACT 511); AND FOUR TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.40%) TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN FUNDING STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT (ACT 205). SAID ORDINANCE WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE TAX RETURNS; REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO WITHHOLD AND REMIT TAX; CONTAINS DEFINITIONS, REFERENCES APPLICABLE STATUTES, DESIGNATES A TAX COLLECTOR, ESTABLISHES INTEREST, PENALTIES, COSTS AND FINES, PROVIDES FOR SEVERABILITY, A PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHES AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (EIT ORDINANCE - 2025)

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

Adoption – Councilman Ickes

- 3) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" AND IN PARTICULAR §646-96 "MILLAGE ESTABLISHED: ONGOING TAX" ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE FOR ALL REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO TAXATION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, AT A RATE OF 7.129 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER WITHOUT REENACTMENT UNTIL SAID RATE IS CHANGED BY CITY COUNCIL; THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 646; REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE - 2025)

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – Glow-up (tree lighting and fireworks) will be held Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 in Heritage Plaza; the Christmas Parade, sponsored by 7 Mountains Media, will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 pm.

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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

**ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:35 p.m.**