

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – JUNE 10, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. SILENT MEDITATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. PRESENTATIONS**

Angie Gioiosa 4th of July Memorial Race – Phyllis Baker, Community Engagement/Development Director & Frank Kopriva, Executive Program Director - Blair Regional YMCA

City Ordinance Approving Guaranty for Altoona Water Authority Pennvest Loan for Logan Boulevard Waterline Replacement Project - Attorney Jens Damgaard, Eckert Seamans

- VI. ALL PUBLIC COMMENT - Please approach the podium, speak directly into the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes or less. Groups may be asked by the Mayor to appoint a spokesperson and/or limit your comments to three (3) minutes each. Thank you.**

- VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- a) **approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, May 13, 2024.**
- b) **awarding the Altoona Transportation Center Renovations Project to the following bidders:**

General Construction – J.C. Orr and Son, Inc., 428 7th Ave, Altoona, PA, in the amount of \$954,179.00

Plumbing Construction – K&K Plumbing Company, Inc., 302 Constable Ave, Johnstown, PA, in the amount of \$38,595.00

Electrical Construction – Westmoreland Electric Services, LLC., 193 Central Rd., Tarrs, PA, in the amount of \$233,300.00

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HVAC Construction – Hranec Sheet Metal, Inc., 763 Route 21, Uniontown, PA, in the amount of \$410,000.00

for a total amount of \$1,636,074.00, with \$1,145,251.80 payable from a Multi Modal Grant, and the City’s Match of 30%, in the amount of \$490,822.20, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.

- c) approving a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement, Union Avenue-31st Street-Crescent Road, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for new and replacement sidewalks within their project area, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.**
- d) approving a Contribution Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for the installation and upgrades of stormwater facilities within their project limits, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.**
- e) authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Professional Engineering Agreement with the EADS Group, Inc., 1126 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA, for Consultant Engineer Services, for the period 2024-2029, and further authorizing the City Clerk to attest to same.**
- f) authorizing the filing of a Declaration of Taking for the purpose of obtaining an Easement for property owned by Jason A. Miller and Robert E. Miller, identified as Blair County Tax Map Number 01.13-35..-024.00-000 (1717 North 6th Avenue), with respect to the Intakes Project, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.**
- g) authorizing the filing of a Declaration of Taking for the purpose of obtaining an Easement for property owned by John M. Davis, identified as Blair County Tax Map Number 01.13-35..-060.00-000 (1712 North 5th Avenue), with respect to the Intakes Project, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.**

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- h) in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Altoona, approving the sale of a 1992 Wells Cargo Haz-Mat Trailer (removed from service) to Alpha Fire Company of State College, PA, in the amount of \$500.00, fair market value, plus all other fees associated with the sale, to include transfer fees, and for the City Clerk to execute all documents related to the sale.**

- i) approving a contract for Police Services with the Altoona Housing Authority, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at the Green Avenue Towers and the Eleventh Street Towers, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and for the City Clerk to attest to same.**

- j) appointing Altoona Police Chief Joseph Merrill to the AMED Authority to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Dave Ellis. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2027.**

- k) amending the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), transferring \$16,440.98 from the 2022 HUD-CDBG Administration to the Single Family Rehabilitation Program.**

- l) amending the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), transferring \$272,331.00 from the 2023 HUD-CDBG Administration and \$30,000.00 from the Fair Housing Administration, for a total amount of \$302,331.00, to the 8th Street Curb and Sidewalk Project.**

- m) awarding a demolition contract to G&R Excavating & Demolition, Inc., 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, for the demolition of the following properties:**
 - 715 North 6th Avenue**
 - 1229 4th Avenue**
 - 628 North 9th Avenue**

Altoona, PA, in the amount of \$25,170.00, payable from the Blighted Property Program, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.

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- n) approving Repository Bids in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by Courtney Wynn of 412 Wilson Avenue, Lyons, GA 30436, for property located at 1464-66 Washington Avenue, and in the amount of \$300.00 for property located at 2005-07 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms.**

- o) approving Repository Bids in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Creighton DeKline of 6692 Chupp Rd. Apt C, Lithonia, GA 30058, for property located at 208-10 East Cherry Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 1109-11 17th Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 1810 12th Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 2409-11 Oak Avenue, and in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 1926 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms.**

- p) accepting the proposal for consulting services, submitted by Strategic Solutions, LLC, of 524 Sandrae Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243, to assist the City with the City Manager search, reorganization of Community Development and prioritization and implementation planning of the objectives and strategies outlined in the 2018 Community Development Plan, and outlined in other studies, payable in accordance with the rates and fees set forth in Exhibit A, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.**

VIII. ORDINANCES

Introduction

- 1) INCURRING "LEASE RENTAL DEBT," AS DEFINED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500,000, EVIDENCED BY ITS GUARANTY OF 100% OF THE PAYMENTS DUE UNDER A "DEBT OBLIGATION" OF THE ALTOONA WATER AUTHORITY ISSUED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST), IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY, AND PAY RELATED EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING A GUARANTY**

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AGREEMENT, BY AND AMONG THIS CITY, AS GUARANTOR, THE AUTHORITY, AND PENNVEST, AS LENDER, SECURING THE DEBT OBLIGATION; PLEDGING (1) CERTAIN WATER SYSTEM LEASE REVENUES OF THIS CITY, AND (2) THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWER OF THIS CITY, IN SUPPORT OF ITS GUARANTY; APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH GUARANTY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS.

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- 2) 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 CITY OWNED LAND LOCATED AT 201 BEECH AVENUE, 205 BEECH AVENUE, 209 BEECH AVENUE, 213 BEECH AVENUE, 217 BEECH AVENUE, 221 BEECH AVENUE, AND 225 BEECH AVENUE, TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALTOONA, FOR \$1.00; REAFFIRM THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 405; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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- 3) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 700, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO RESCIND ARTICLE XI MOVING VIOLATIONS, AND FURTHER RESCINDING SECTION, 700-57 ENGINE BRAKE RETARDER, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- IX. CITY MANAGER UPDATES**
- X. MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- XI. QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**