

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Oath of Office for Newly Elected, Organizational/Council Meeting
TUESDAY – JANUARY 2, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

AGENDA

I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE & REMARKS

Mayor-Elect Matt Pacifico
Council Member-Elect Jesse Ickes
Council Member-Elect Shelley Clinich

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. SILENT MEDITATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ROLL CALL

VI. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER MITCH COOPER & CITY MANAGER OMAR STROHM

VII. 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. Groups may be asked by the Mayor to appoint a spokesperson and/or limit your comments to three (3) minutes each. You have one opportunity to speak under public comment. Thank you.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- a) appointing Councilman Dave Ellis to serve as Vice-Mayor with said term expiring the first Monday of January 2026.**
- b) approving the City Council Meeting Schedule, attached hereto, for the year 2024, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Altoona.**
- c) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, December 4, 2023.**
- d) approving a one-year extension to the City and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s contract agreement, to continue participation in the Federal Special Bridge Funds Inventory**

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and Inspection Program, and further authorizing the City Manager or Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.

- e) awarding Supplemental Snow Removal Services to Miner Excavating, 371 Moser Road, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$25,600.00, payable from Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager or Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.**
- f) amending the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) transferring \$77,365.89 from the 2019 Program Year Funds to the 2023 Nehemiah Meal Preparation Project.**
- g) appointing an individual to the Altoona Water Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2029.**
- h) appointing an individual to the Altoona Water Authority to fill the unexpired term of Omar Strohm. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027.**
- i) appointing an individual to the Altoona Housing Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2029.**
- j) appointing an individual to the Altoona Parking Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2029.**
- k) appointing an individual to the Altoona Parking Authority to fill the unexpired term of Omar Strohm. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2025.**
- l) appointing an individual to the Altoona City Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028.**
- m) appointing an individual to the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2029.**

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- n) appointing an individual to the AMED Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2029.**
- o) appointing an individual to the AMTRAN Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2029.**
- p) appointing an individual to the Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028.**
- q) appointing an individual (alternate) to the Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028.**
- r) appointing an individual to the Electrical & Plumbing Examiners Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028.**
- s) appointing an individual to the Electrical & Plumbing Examiners Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028.**
- t) appointing an individual to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2029.**
- u) accepting the retirement of Omar Strohm, City Manager, effective January 2, 2024.**
- v) appointing Joseph Merrill Interim City Manager, effective January 2, 2024, at a gross monthly base rate of pay of \$13,230.75, with the same benefits he is currently receiving through the City of Altoona. Said status as Interim City Manager shall remain effective until the City Council appoints a new full-time City Manager.**
- w) appointing Derek Swope as Interim Chief of Police, effective January 2, 2024, at a gross monthly base rate of pay of \$8,230.75, with the same benefits he is currently receiving through the City of Altoona. Said status as Interim Chief of**

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Police shall remain effective until the City Council appoints a new full-time City Manager and Joseph Merrill returns as Chief of Police.

- x) approving the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Altoona and Omar Strohm for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Interim City Manager and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement and all related documents to effectuate same.**

IX. ORDINANCES

Introduction

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 690 "UTILITIES" OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE, PARTICULARLY SECTION 690-2 "STATEMENT OF FACILITIES OWNED AND/OR MAINTAINED", SECTION 690-5 "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT POLES", SECTION 690-9 "LICENSE FEE", SECTION 690-11 "RIGHT OF CERTAIN UTILITY COMPANIES TO CONSTRUCT UNDERGROUND SYSTEMS IN STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", SECTION 690-12 "APPROVAL OF PLANS OF PROPOSED SYSTEM; GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT SYSTEM", 690-17 "RIGHT OF CITY TO INSPECT AND SUPERVISE SYSTEMS; FURNISHING DESIRED INFORMATION", AND SECTION 690-22 "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES" TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 690 AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 690, TO PROVIDE A REAFFIRMATION OF THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 690, TO PROVIDE A REPEALER, SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Adoption

Councilman Ellis

- 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**

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LAND LOCATED AT 1901 NORTH NINTH 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.

X. CITY MANAGER UPDATES

XI. MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Committee Assignments

XII. QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA

XIII. ADJOURNMENT