

**BUREAU OF COUNCIL**  
**Molly Bundrant, President**  
**Carl Sizer, Vice President**  
**William James**  
**David Koerth**  
**Taylor Galaska**



**Robert Fiscus, City Manager**  
**William J. Madden, City Solicitor**  
**Daphne Parrish, City Clerk**

**SHARON CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Chambers**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:32 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Council:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>President Bundrant</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. Koerth</b>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. James</b>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. Galaska</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. Sizer</b>          |  |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Fiscus, City Manager</b>     | <b><u>News Media:</u></b>                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Attorney Madden, City Solicitor</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Herald</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Daphne Parrish, City Clerk</b>      |   |

**Department Heads:**

- Jason Tomko, Finance Director - Excused**
- Edward Stabile, Chief of Police - Excused**
- David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Change Order #2 City of Sharon MultiModal Phase III Project – Mr. Fiscus said this change order is for additional milling and base repair work required on Paul Street.
- Mr. Fiscus said Proposed Resolution #92-22 would adopt an MOU between the FOP and the City to amend the contract to allow for lateral transfers. Mr. Fiscus received a memo from the Finance Director recommending Council table this Resolution until the 2023 budget is completed in order to provide more time to determine if the lateral transfers can be sustained in the 2023 Budget. In order to balance the 2023 Budget, there is a large gap that must be closed. One major increase is a substantial increase in Healthcare costs. Mr. Fiscus said tabling the Resolution is difficult as something needs done to help fill vacancies in the Police Department. There are zero applicants for three open positions in the Police Department and if these vacancies remain unfilled, the level of services provided must change. Under the terms of the MOU, there would be a potential cost of approximately \$20,000 per officer hired under the MOU. While Mr. Fiscus is supportive of the MOU, at this point, it makes sense to complete the budget process to find ways to close the gaps. If the gaps can be closed, Mr. Fiscus asked for Council to entertain a special meeting prior to the November Workshop Meeting to pass adoption of an MOU allowing Lateral Transfers. Mrs. Bundrant asked if there will be a better understanding as budget preparation proceeds. Mr. Fiscus said he is committed to submitting and publishing the budget by October 26. Once the budget is submitted, there is the ability to continue working on efficiencies and funding sources and there will be a better understanding whether lateral transfers can be funded. Mrs. Bundrant asked if Chief Stabile is aware of the request to table the resolution. Mr. Fiscus said yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES**

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #14-22, introduced September 21, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,**

requiring in Accords with Act 57 of 2022, the Mercer County Tax Collector and Tax Claim Bureau, beginning January 1, 2023, to waive all additional charges for real estate if the taxpayer complies with the requirements as set forth.

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #15-22, introduced September 21, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,**

authorizing entering into two (2) Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreements with Western Reserve Transit Authority relative to providing administration of Federal Mass Transit Funds.

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #16-22, introduced September 21, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,**

amending the Codified Ordinance of the City, Part Four, “Traffic Code, Title Eight, “Parking”, Chapter 480, “Parking Generally”, Section .01, “No Parking Streets” to add thereto on school days between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM, the west side of Forker Boulevard from its point of intersection with State Street, north to Pearl Street.

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #17-22, introduced September 21, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,**

amending the Codified Ordinance of the City, Part Two, “Administration”, Title Ten, “Employment Provisions”, Chapter 280, “Employees Generally”, Section 10, “Residency Requirement” to except therefrom all non-union represented employees; union-represented employees may be excepted if mutually negotiated and agreed upon; there shall be a 1.75 percent salary reduction upon notification by a full-time employee of moving out of the City of Sharon’s limits and boundaries.

No comments or questions.

**ORDINANCES**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #14-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requiring, in accords with Act 57 of 2022, the Mercer County Tax Collector and Tax Claim Bureau, beginning January 1, 2023, to waive all additional charges for real estate taxes if the taxpayer complies with all the requirements as set forth” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

**Motion:** **Mr. Koerth**

**Vote:** **YES** **Mr. Sizer**

**YES** **Mr. Galaska**

**YES** **Mr. James**

**Second:** **Mr. Sizer**

**YES** **Mr. Koerth**

**YES** **Mrs. Bundrant**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #15-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing entering into two (2) Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreements with Western Reserve Transit Authority relative to providing administration of Federal Mass Transit Funds Section 5307 and Section 5339 Apportionments” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

**Motion:** **Mr. James**

**Vote:** **YES** **Mr. Koerth**

**YES** **Mr. Sizer**

**YES** **Mr. Galaska**

**Second:** **Mr. Sizer**

**YES** **Mr. James**

**YES** **Mrs. Bundrant**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #16-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Eight, “Parking”, Chapter 480, “Parking Generally”, Section .01, “No Parking Streets”, to add thereto on school days between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM, the west side of Forker Boulevard from its point of intersection with State Street, north to Pearl Street” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

**Motion:** **Mr. Koerth**

**Vote:** **YES** **Mr. James**

**YES** **Mr. Koerth**

**YES** **Mr. Sizer**

**Second:** **Mr. Sizer**

**YES** **Mr. Galaska**

**YES** **Mrs. Bundrant**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #17-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Two, “Administration”, Title Ten, “Employment Provisions”, Chapter 280, “Employees Generally”, Section 10, “Residency Requirement” to except therefrom all non-union represented employees; union-represented employees may be excepted if mutually negotiated and agreed upon; there shall be a 1.75 percent salary reduction upon notification by a full-time employee of moving out of the City of Sharon’s limits and boundaries” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

**Motion:** Mr. Koerth  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. James  
YES Mr. Koerth

**Second:** Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>
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**MOTION** that Resolution #87-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to award Sharon Revitalization and Investment Grants to four (4) applicants; total amount of awards not to exceed \$355,000; and a Start-Up Cost and New Restaurant Grant to two (2) applicants; total amount of awards not to exceed \$117,500” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. James  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. James

**Second:** Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #88-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing an amendment to the Charter of the Shenango Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation to include within the boundaries for the Enterprise Zone lending purposes only, all portions of the six member municipalities” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Koerth  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Galaska

**Second:** Mr. James  
YES Mr. James  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #89-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the Supplement #1 – Drainage and Design proposal from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., for additional engineering services for the East State Street Multimodal Project; revised contract amount not to exceed \$57,500” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Koerth  
**Vote:** YES Mr. James  
YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Sizer

**Second:** Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #90-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the Finance Director to close two bank accounts: Keystone Communities Program Grant Account and Special Projects Account” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Koerth  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. James  
YES Mr. Koerth

**Second:** Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #91-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase ballistic shields and simunition training firearms for the Police Department” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Koerth  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. James

**Second:** Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

~~**MOTION** that Resolution #92-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Sharon and the Rose of Sharon Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police” **be adopted.**~~

**\*\*MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION #92-22:**

**Motion:** Mr. Sizer  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Galaska

**Second:** Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. James  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #93-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to donate to the Sharon Recreation Commission for the Sharon Bicycle Park project; amount not to exceed \$5,000” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. James  
**Vote:** YES Mr. James  
YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Sizer

**Second:** Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #94-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order #2 to Sharon Multi Modal Transportation Phase III Paving Project with Youngblood Paving, Inc., for additional milling work and installation of binder base; total increase to the contract not to exceed \$20,000” **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Koerth  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. James  
YES Mr. Koerth

**Second:** Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

## CONSENT AGENDA

*THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE CITY BUSINESS AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION AND ONE ROLL CALL VOTE. ANY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OFFICIAL OR CITIZENS WISHING CLARIFICATION OF AN ITEM MAY ASK A QUESTION BY RAISING THEIR HAND AND IDENTIFYING THE ITEM BEFORE ADOPTION OF THE ITEM.*

**MOTION** that Resolution #95-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing, in accordance with Section 915 of the Home Rule Charter, The City Manager and Financial Officer to pay bills on attached Schedule “A” **be adopted.**

**MOTION** approving minutes from the September 21, 2022, Council Meeting **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. James  
**Vote:** YES Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. Galaska  
YES Mr. James

**Second:** Mr. Koerth  
YES Mr. Koerth  
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**COMMENTS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

Mr. Fiscus gave a briefing on grants awarded under Resolution #87-22. A detailed press release will follow:

- Hope CAT Center - \$200,000 for business expansion. The grant will expand adult programs with EMT and First Responder Training; also, there is a potential future Police Academy.
- Elephant #8 – \$95,000 for a new Thai Restaurant in Sharon. They have a current location in Slippery Rock
- Shenango Valley Montessori Academy, 300 West State Street - \$85,000 for façade, HVAC, security, and fencing.
- Buhl Mansion - \$50,000 for façade improvements
- Unwind Spa, to be located at 150 East State Street - \$22,500 new business grant
- D&M Realty Group - Plaza next to City Building - \$20,000 façade grant

**NEWS MEDIA:**

Melissa Klaric, Sharon Herald asked the amount of ARPA funds allocated in Resolution #91-22 for police equipment.

Mr. Sizer said \$29,235.91 was allocated for ballistic shields and \$2,270 was allocated for training Glock 17T's.

**MR. JAMES:** No comments.

**MR. SIZER:** No comments.

**MR. KOERTH:** No comments.

**MR. GALASKA:** Mr. Galaska apologized for his tardiness.

**MRS. BUNDRANT:** No comments.

**CITIZENS:**

Tom Roberts, Executive Director of HopeCAT, thanked Council for the continued investments in their programs, which touch youth and adult programs. HopeCAT has worked toward this program for a long time and the investment will be put to work to help the families, youths, and adults in the community.

Mr. Roberts thanked those who attended the ACTS Theater ribbon cutting event. The opening show is Friday night.

James Epstein, 1339 Kimberly Road, said since the City requires police officers to have Act 120 Certification in order to be considered for hire, could the City utilize police training funds to offset the cost of the certification. The funds could be used as a grant or no-interest loan with employment conditional on passing the course and staying for a five-year period. Mr. Fiscus said this is something ARPA funds could be used for, and he has talked with Chief Stabile regarding this. However, sustainability of such a program would be a separate issue.

Nick Donatelli, 381 North Myers Avenue; Mr. Donatelli spoke at the Workshop regarding requesting funding for sidewalk repairs and fencing for Sharon Little League. He asked the status of his request. Mr. Fiscus said the process will take time as we continue to evaluate where we are with ARPA funds regarding what is funded and programmed. Originally it was planned to fund these items from the general fund; however, the roof at the Firehall needed replaced. Mr. Fiscus said the goal is to have a decision either way well before the beginning of the next Little League season.

Mike Kotyk, representing the Mercer County Trails Association Board, thanked the City of Sharon and the Recreation Commission for the partnership to help to build the Bike Safety Track. The City's use of the land made the project possible. The City's investment into the health and well-being of our children is appreciated.

Kim Curry, Spruce Avenue, thanked Council for discussing snow removal at the October Workshop. She asked if the Street Department was experiencing staffing shortages. Mr. Fiscus said there are shortages in most City Departments. The Street Department staff is a full-time complement which it was not at this time last year. We are in a better position, but not where we need to be. We are actively interviewing and recruiting for part-time personnel.

Ms. Curry asked how much of the pandemic relief money is left. Mr. Fiscus said he does not have the information available but will report on it at the November Workshop. This is reported in detail at each Workshop Meeting.

Ms. Curry asked about the Housing Rehab program which is out of money and has a waiting list. She asked if there has been discussion about setting aside ARPA funds for the program. Mr. Fiscus said money is back in the Housing Rehab Program and they are again programming work. These discussions were not originally included when we began to road mapping the spending of ARPA funds. As we proceed in the months ahead, this could be considered. Two years ago, we decreased the funding levels to the Housing Rehab program in order to successfully implement a demolition program. As the demolitions wind down, the goal would be to put the money back into the Housing Rehab program. Ms. Curry said the funds spent to demolish houses could be used to fix up houses.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM**