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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held in Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at **7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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

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

Department Heads:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fiscus requested an Executive Session to discuss a property acquisition, negotiations, and continued legal action.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acquisition of Property - The City has successfully negotiated site control of the Huntington Bank property to move forward with the project as previously discussed. This is Resolution 50-22 on tonight's agenda.

Abandon Portion of Agate Way – The City received a request to abandon a portion of Agate Way, a road in the flats area that services Jolley Industries. The request is due to difficulties in securing the building and vandalism. Mr. Fiscus suggested tabling the reading of the Ordinance to explore other options such as allowing the company to erect a fence on the roadway or abandoning the road or portions of it. Utilities are underneath, so the City would require a right-of-way.

Shenango Hotel – Negotiations continue with the investor/developer and neighbors. There will be more information soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street, asked if there is an available list of amounts given in regard to Resolution 42-22. Mr. Fiscus said this is public information and could be released. He said police and fire fighters will receive \$5,000; everyone is included and there are varying amounts based on their exposure with Covid.

Mr. McLaren asked about Resolution 50-22. Mr. Fiscus said this is the former Huntington Bank building in downtown. The City is moving forward to gain site control and find funding sources to develop a Riverfront Park.

Attorney Chester Scholl said he is attending on behalf of Mr. Yanko to answer any questions regarding Shenango Hotel.

Deborah Roberson, 484 South Oakland Avenue, asked which grant is being approved with Resolution 43-22. Mr. Sizer said this is the first round of Small Business Grants. Mrs. Bundrant said two applicants submitted additional information required for approval; this Resolution will approve those two payments. Ms. Roberson asked about the status of the second grant. Mr. Sizer said those applications are currently under review.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #41-22 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 Local 417 of the International Association of Firefighters and the Rose of Sharon Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #42-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds for premium pay to non-union employees; amount not to exceed \$17,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Galaska

 Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #43-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to award Small Business Revitalization Grants to two (2) additional applicants; adjusted total amount of awards not to exceed \$472,700” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

 Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #44-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay invoice from Penn Northwest Development Corporation for reviewing Small Business Grant applications; amount not to exceed \$12,300” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Sizer

 Mr. James

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #45-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to apply for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant; amount of grant not to exceed \$250,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #46-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay Demolition and Clearance Project #21-04 to Sereday Trucking; amount not to exceed \$158,480” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Galaska

 Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #47-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to approve Change Order #1 to Sharon Multi Modal Transportation Phase III Paving Project with Youngblood Paving, Inc, removing three streets from the Project: Carley, Paul, and Saunders; total cost decrease to the contract is \$97,973.96” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #48-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing an amendment to its Program Year 2020 and Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plans for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #49-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing approval of Final Subdivision Plan for Parkside Manor, LLC” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #50-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement to purchase Tax Parcel #1-B-64; amount not to exceed \$350,000” **be adopted.**

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

Second: Mr. Sizer
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 #51-22 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 April 20, 2022, Council Meeting **be adopted.**

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

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

COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER: None

NEWS MEDIA:

CITIZENS: None

MR. JAMES:

MR. SIZER: Thanked Mr. Kepple and Mr. Messina from the Recreation Commission. The fundraising event was fun and hopefully raised a lot of money.

MR. KOERTH: Mr. Koerth asked if Sherris would be involved with the Huntington Bank project. Mr. Fiscus said the project will be an all-hands-on-deck project. Mr. Koerth said he agrees that the entire property should not be a park as there is room for redevelopment such as restaurants along the river. Mr. Fiscus said the next step in the project is a concept design which could include parcels available for development.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT: The Recreation Commission fundraiser at the Elks Club raised \$4,500, which to date was probably the Commission's most successful event. She thanked everyone who came out or bought a ticket.

The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 11:00 AM on Memorial Day. Mr. Koerth said the parade route will begin at the American Legion; proceed onto Westerman, Buhl Boulevard; left onto Kimberly Road; right onto Forker Boulevard; left onto Highland Road; right onto Jefferson Avenue; Hull Street, and north into Oakland Cemetery. The Herald has been notified of the route.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM