

**BUREAU OF COUNCIL**  
Molly Bundrant, President  
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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

Meeting in Council Chambers  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at **6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL**

**Council:**

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

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

**Department Heads:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Tomko, Finance Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Edward Stabile, Chief of Police
<input type="checkbox"/> David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Change Order #1 – Sharon Gateway Project – Saw Cutting – Mr. Fiscus said there is a change order for the Sharon Gateway Project for concrete work related to curb installation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES**

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #08-22, introduced May 18, 2022– SECOND AND FINAL READING**, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City, Article 3, Section 302.10 to add thereto Subsection (d) creating a new mixed-use district

No comments.

**ORDINANCES**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #08-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City, Article 3, Section 302.10 to add thereto Subsection (d), creating a new mixed-use district from existing low density residential areas” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Ordinance #12-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City, Chapter 1069, “Public or Private Events on Public Property”, Section 03, “Application”, to add thereto Subsection (k), requiring the identity of a representative of the applicant to be available and required to be on site at least one hour prior to the start time” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Ordinance #13-22 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 Furnace Street, both sides, the entire distance” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

\*\*Mr. Sizer asked if Little League was made aware of this change. Mrs. Bundrant said yes.

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION** that Resolution #70-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to award five (5) Sharon Revitalization and Investment Grants; total amount of awards not to exceed \$760,000 and one (1) Start-Up Cost and New Restaurant Grant; total amount not to exceed \$70,000” **be adopted.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #71-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to request a Multi Modal Transportation Fund Grant, amount not to exceed \$2,150,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Truck Traffic Revitalization Project” **be adopted.**

**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 #72-22 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 Demolition and Clearance Project #22-02 (CDBG) with Sereday Trucking, Inc., to include the change listed on attached Change Order #1; net increase to the contract not to exceed \$1,900” **be adopted.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #73-22 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 Demolition and Clearance Project #22-02 (DCED) with Siegel Excavating, LLC., to include the change listed on attached Change Order #1; net increase to the contract not to exceed \$1,620” **be adopted.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #75-22 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 the Sharon Gateway Project, to add saw cutting of asphalt where needed; net increase to the contract not to exceed \$3,929.75” **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 #76-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project #22-03 Bid to Siegel Excavating, LLC; amount not to exceed \$365,000” **be adopted.**

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

**Second:** Mr. Sizer  
YES Mr. James  
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 #74-22 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 July 20, 2022, Council Meeting and the August 3, 2022, Public Hearing **be adopted.**

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

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

### **COMMENTS:**

#### **CITY MANAGER:**

Mr. Fiscus provided details on the projects funded with ARPA funds under Resolution #70-22:

- Valley Shenango Economic Development Corporation - \$300,000 for the Aquaponics Project at the Landing, an indoor farming operation to grow pesticide, herbicide, and antibiotic-free produce and fish
- WestWinn Urban Ag LLC - \$80,000 for initial start-up costs for the Aquaponics Project at The Landing
- Sharon Eye Works – \$55,000 for business expansion to add a virtual optometrist to their services
- Fruit, Dill, Goodwin, and Scholl – \$150,000 for façade improvements and shoring up a shared wall on the corner of their building, which will allow the neighboring building to be torn down
- Corinthian Banquet Center - \$175,000 for an outdoor patio area, balcony, and courtyard
- Croakers Brewing Company - \$70,000 for expansion and relocation of tap house and brewing facility to Sharon

**NEWS MEDIA:**

**CITIZENS:**

Kim Curry, Spruce Avenue, thanked Bob Fiscus for attending the School Board meeting and requesting the tax increase not be passed. She suggested Council members attend School Board Meetings. Mrs. Bundrant said Council has liaisons and Mr. Fiscus meets regularly with members of school administration.

Ms. Curry asked the amount of property taxes that will be lost from the Huntington Bank building. Mr. Fiscus said he did not have the amount readily available, but it is in the \$20,000 range. Ms. Curry asked how this loss of revenue will affect the budget. Mr. Fiscus said the revenue loss was considered, but the cost is much less if something negative happened there. Ms. Curry asked if the bank offered financial help. Mr. Fiscus said the City has taken ownership of the property and, as the contract was negotiated, there was some savings and the amount paid was \$335,000. Ms. Curry asked the next step in the process. Mr. Fiscus said there have been evaluations by demo contractors and evaluations regarding asbestos; HHSDR has been retained to create bid specs and the project will be put out for demolition bids. The goal is to move forward as quickly as possible with the project and not be required to maintain the building any longer than necessary. Ms. Curry asked about the condition inside the building. Mr. Fiscus said there may be mold; the basement had 4 feet of water at one point and the electrical equipment was underwater; different floors of the building have varying conditions.

Ms. Curry asked about the sidewalks on Spruce Avenue near Musser Schools and the replacement of National Fuel lines. National Fuel said the repair work would be completed by spring. This has not happened, and National Fuel has repainted the pink directional signs. Mr. Fiscus said he will pass this information on to Public Works.

Ms. Curry asked the typical cost to demo a house. Mrs. Bundrant said this usually is reported on at Workshop Meetings and suggested she come to the next Workshop meeting or call Suzanne Kepple for more information. Ms. Curry said condemned houses in her area look salvageable and suggested some houses could be advertised to be bought by investors. Mrs. Bundrant said Suzanne Kepple could provide better information regarding the process of removing a house from the condemned list. Ms. Curry asked if there could be an allocation to the Housing Rehab program for full-house renovation projects.

Sherris Moreira said there will be a back-to-school collection event at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 8 AM to 1 PM. This will include backpacks and school supplies, as well as the collection of gently used children's books by the Primary Health Network Charitable Foundation to support children's literacy.

Ben Griffin, 528 Dwyer Way, asked about the safety of the Grant Street Wall. Mr. Fiscus said one engineer believed the wall was unsafe; the wall was evaluated by a second engineer and PennDOT determined it is safe. The wall is measured monthly with a plumb bob; currently it is not moving, but it continues to be monitored.

**MR. JAMES:** No comments.

**MR. SIZER:** Mr. Sizer asked the timeline for paving completion on Highland Road. Mr. Fiscus will find out when it will be completed; a scratch coat is down but the finish layer is not yet completed. Mr. James said there is an issue with some crosswalks to be resolved on the Hermitage portion of the road.

**MR. KOERTH:** No comments.

**MR. GALASKA:** No comments.

**MRS. BUNDRANT:** No comments.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Meeting adjourned at **6:59 PM**