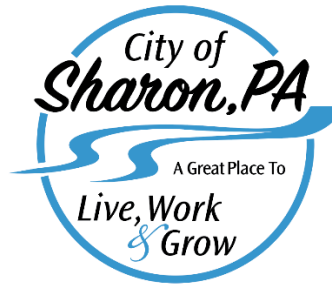


BUREAU OF COUNCIL
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Carl Sizer, Vice President
William James
David Koerth
Taylor Galaska



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Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at **7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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

Department Heads:

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Trick or Treat Hours – Mr. Fiscus said after collaborating with administrators from neighboring municipalities, the City of Sharon will hold Trick or Treat hours on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; asked about proposed Resolution #78-22 – ARPA grant awards and if there is a list of recipients available. Mr. Fiscus said if the resolution is approved tonight, a detailed press release will go out. He read a list of the recipients under proposed Resolution #78-22:

- Quaker Steak & Lube - \$207,500 for business expansion
- Julian's Bar and Grill - \$100,000 to open a new restaurant in the former Lulu Beans building
- Gilbert's Risk Solutions - \$100,000 for façade improvements which will also open up the Riverwalk
- The Winner Inc. - \$100,000 for façade improvements
- Thyme in Your Kitchen - \$87,500 for façade and HVAC improvements
- Webb Winery- \$70,000 – business expansion in the former Billy's Black and Gold building where wine will be produced, and a future testing room added
- Laurel Technical Institute - \$45,000 for creating a cooperative kitchen incubator
- Lisac Properties - \$24,226 for façade improvements and business expansion
- Wandering Soul Books, Gifts and Furniture - \$20,000 for a new gift shop and bookstore
- Stylishly You - \$12,500 for a new hair salon
- Evolve Fitness - \$9,000 for business expansion.

Mr. McLaren asked about proposed Resolutions #79-22 and #80-22, paying for demolition projects with ARPA funds; he asked how these projects were paid prior to the availability of ARPA funds. Mr. Fiscus said the City received one grant for \$150,000 and the City budgeted for the expense on an annual basis.

Mr. McLaren asked about proposed Resolution #83-22 to transfer a parcel from the City to the Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Fiscus said the parcel is located on Strawbridge Avenue, directly behind Diehl Automotive; the City demolished a house and bought the property.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #11-22, introduced July 20, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City, Article 3, Section 306 and 309 to provide as an additional use as a Special Exception: Hotel, but only in compliance with the stated conditions. NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #12-22, introduced August 17, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Codified Ordinance of the City, Chapter 1069, “Public or Private Events on Public Property”, adding a subsection 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 of event. NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #13-22, introduced August 17, 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 Furnace Street, both sides, entire distance. NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #11-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Sharon Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Section 306 and 309 to provide as an additional use as a special exception: Hotel, but only in compliance with the stated conditions” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

Second: Mr. Sizer
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 FINAL reading by title.**

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

Second: Mr. Koerth
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 FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

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 FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James
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 FIRST reading by title.**

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

Second: Mr. James
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 FIRST 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” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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 #77-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the 2023 Minimum Municipal Pension Plan Financial Requirements and Minimum Municipal Obligations” **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 #78-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Act Funds to award Sharon Revitalization and Investment Grants to eleven (11) ~~eight (8)~~ applicants; total amount of awards not to exceed \$ 775,726 ~~\$643,000~~” **be adopted.**

****Mr. Sizer clarified the amounts as published on the agenda are incorrect; the amount of eleven applicants and \$775,726 is the correct information.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #79-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Act Funds to pay invoices from SereDay Trucking, Inc., for Demolition and Clearance Project #22-01; amount not to exceed \$215,250” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #80-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Act Funds to pay invoices from SereDay Trucking, Inc., for Demolition and Clearance Project #22-02; amount not to exceed \$212,758.86” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #81-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., for engineering services for the East State Street Multimodal Project; amount not to exceed \$40,000” **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 #82-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change order #SC-1 to the Moe’s River Walk Project to include the changes listed on attached Change Order #SC-1; net decrease to the contract amount not to exceed \$6,568” **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 #83-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the transfer of property from the City of Sharon to the Sharon Redevelopment Authority: Parcel #4 AP 13” **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 #84-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to accept the following grants for the Fire Department: 2021 AFG Grant in the amount of \$200,000 and the 2021 Safer Grant in the amount of \$770,000, contingent upon a signed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sharon and the IAFF regarding staffing” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Galaska
YES 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 #86-22 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 that Resolution #85-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting the 2022 Halloween Trick or Treat hours for Monday, October 31, 2022, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM ~~4:00 PM to 6:00 PM~~” **be adopted.**

MOTION approving minutes from the August 17, 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: No comments.

NEWS MEDIA: No comments.

CITIZENS: Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; asked about activities of the various boards and committees. He suggested meeting minutes or reporting be provided to Council and then reported to the citizens. Mrs. Bundrant said members of Council are on many of the boards and activities are reported as needed. The meetings are open for the public to attend, and dates and times are published on the City's website. Brian Kepple attends Council meetings to report the activities of the Recreation and Beautifications Commissions. Mr. Fiscus said activity and reporting varies by committee. Some are city-sponsored and recognized; some are citizen-organized. City-sponsored boards act independently without oversight from Council or City Administration. One example is the Redevelopment Authority; at one time this Authority was comprised of Council members and City employees. It is now set up to be independent. He agreed having minutes from their meetings would be ideal. Mr. Sizer said it is a good idea and committee chairs can be asked to make the minutes available in the City Building.

MR. JAMES: No comments.

MR. SIZER: Mr. Sizer said before he was on Council an Ordinance was passed to lift residency for one of the bargaining groups. At that time, he was upset about it and thought this was a bad idea. He still does not like it; but understands why we need to do it.

MR. KOERTH: Mr. Koerth agreed with comments from Mr. Sizer.

Mr. Koerth asked if the lot at 529 Nimick Street will be made available to Lots to Love in the near future and if someone from Ohio can participate in Lots to Love. Suzanne Kepple said those questions should be directed to Christina Campbell. Mr. Fiscus said a sponsor from Ohio would be accepted; ownership would need to be evaluated. Mr. Koerth said an individual who resides in Ohio is interested in taking care of an empty lot.

MR. GALASKA: No comments.

MRS. BUNDRANT: Mrs. Bundrant said she feels the same about residency as Mr. Sizer, but understands why it is necessary.

The next Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: **Mr. Sizer**

Vote: **YES** Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

Second: **Mr. Koerth**

YES Mr. James

YES Mrs. Bundrant

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM