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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Immediately Following Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:02 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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| <u>✓</u> President Bundrant | <u>✓</u> Mr. Koerth |
| <u>✓</u> Mr. Sizer | <u>✓</u> Mr. Galaska |
| <u>✓</u> Mr. James | |

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| <u>✓</u> Robert Fiscus, City Manager | <u>News Media:</u> |
| <u>✓</u> Attorney Madden, City Solicitor | <u>✓</u> The Herald |
| <u>✓</u> Daphne Parrish, City Clerk | |

Department Heads:

- ✓ Jason Tomko, Finance Director
- ✓ Edward Stabile, Chief of Police
- ✓ David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement
- ✓ Mark Settle, Public Works Director

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #59-23 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License Number R-3483 into the City of Sharon from the Borough of Sharpville" **be adopted.**

Motion: <u>Mr. James</u>	Second: <u>Mr. Koerth</u>
Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska	<u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer
<u>YES</u> Mr. James	<u>YES</u> Mrs. Bundrant
<u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth	

MOTION that Resolution #60-23 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Sharon as the host municipality for the Sharon Industrial Rehab Capital Project funded under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program" **be adopted.**

Motion: <u>Mr. Koerth</u>	Second: <u>Mr. Sizer</u>
Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer	<u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth
<u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska	<u>YES</u> Mrs. Bundrant
<u>YES</u> Mr. James	

MOTION that Resolution #61-23 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city official to approve the Subdivision Plan for Ronald Merchant, Lot A" **be adopted.**

Motion: <u>Mr. Sizer</u>	Second: <u>Mr. Koerth</u>
Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth	<u>YES</u> Mr. James
<u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer	<u>YES</u> Mrs. Bundrant
<u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska	

COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER: Mr. Fiscus reminded Council he would like an Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions.
NEWS MEDIA: No comments.
MR. JAMES: No comments.
MR. SIZER: No comments.
MR. KOERTH: No comments.
MR. GALASKA: No comments.
MRS. BUNDRANT: No comments.

CITIZENS:

Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren asked for the location of the two lots discussed at the Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Bundrant said Russell Street and Orchard Street.

Mr. McLaren asked if the City knew who owns the former Reyers building. Mr. Fiscus said yes, the City knows who owns it. Mr. McLaren said if JCPenney leaves the Mall, that would be a nice place to bring it.

Herman Griffin, 1082 Woodland Place; Mr. Griffin asked where you can and cannot park, and if there is an Ordinance prohibiting trucks and trailers on the road. On Spencer Avenue and Service Avenues, they are parked on both sides, making it difficult to travel through. Mr. Fiscus said to report it to the 911 Center when it is happening. Mr. Griffin said on Service Avenue at the intersection on the south side of the Freeway crossing over, it gets congested, and it is wide enough for three lanes of traffic but there are no lanes marked. He asked if lines could be painted. Mr. Fiscus said he would look into it, but there may not be the ability to change the traffic pattern. Mr. James said there were lines painted there at one time, but they have faded.

Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani said on her side of the West Hill, the City has been filling and refilling potholes, and the alleys are getting worse. She questioned who was milling and paving half of Lincoln Street. Mr. Fiscus said Aqua had a waterline replacement project there and the lane that is dug up must be replaced. Mrs. Bundrant said sometimes their projects align with our projects and more paving can be done. Mr. Settle said if the area they damage crosses the center line, they are now required to replace the full width of the road.

Ben Griffin, 528 Dwyer Way; Mr. Griffin asked why the City is not tarring/chipping roads if we cannot pave them. He said a few years ago Spencer Avenue was tarred/chipped, and he read that it is 25% of the cost to tar/chip a road compared to paving. Mr. Fiscus said tarring/chipping was evaluated and in urban areas with catch basins in the roadways, it is less than ideal and on roadways that are deteriorated, tarring/chipping is not successful. McDowell Street was a failed attempt for tarring/chipping about 7-8 years ago. In talks with engineers and other municipalities it became clear we need to start crack sealing our roads. As new surfaces are put down there needs to be a maintenance schedule to preserve them. For the first time ever, Public Works began actively sealing all roads paved within the last 5 years; crack sealing is an important part of how we will maintain new roads. Mrs. Bundrant said we have a street inventory schedule, and we will continue to stick to it.

Mr. Griffin said Hickory is using \$900,000 of their ARPA money for paving. He said he was told ARPA money could not be used for paving. Mr. Fiscus said there were meetings early on with state legislators who recommended not using ARPA funds for paving because other money was to become available for paving projects. Mr. Griffin asked if we could use the money for paving. Mr. Fiscus said yes, we could have. Mr. Griffin said Elm Avenue, Irvine Avenue, and Spencer Avenue are all horrible. The Streets are in a total disarray, and all this money is being spent, why not use it for the citizens of Sharon to get the roads fixed. Mr. Griffin asked how much improvement has been made to the City of Sharon with the money that was spent. There was a lot of good done for the businesses, but what has been done for the citizens? Mrs. Bundrant said bringing businesses into Sharon will help to keep taxes from going up and hopefully go down at some point. Mr. Griffin asked how many new businesses have opened. Mrs. Bundrant said specific questions regarding new businesses should be emailed to the Downtown Development Director or can be found on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM