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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:38 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

☒ **President Bundrant**
☒ **Mr. Sizer**
☒ **Mr. Koerth**

☒ **Mr. Galaska**
☒ **Ms. Heard – via Phone**

☐ **Robert Fiscus, City Manager - Excused**
☒ **Attorney Brett Stedman, City Solicitor**
☒ **Daphne Parrish, City Clerk**

News Media:
☒ **The Herald**

Department Heads:

☒ **Jason Tomko, Acting City Manager/Finance Director**
☒ **Edward Stabile, Chief of Police**
☐ **John Lenkey, Director of Code Enforcement**
☐ **Mark Settle, Public Works Director**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Council entered a brief Executive Session at 5:27 PM to discuss current and pending litigation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- ARLE Projects – Acting City Manager Jason Tomko addressed two resolutions on the meeting agenda related to ARLE (Automated Red-Light Enforcement) funded projects:
 - Resolution #39-25 - Seeks approval for an engineering contract with Trans Associates for the North Sharpsville Avenue/Pitt Street Safety Improvements Project. This project includes installation of lights, crosswalks, and ADA-compliant ramp improvements. The Project is fully funded through ARLE.
 - Resolution #32-25 - Approves a contract with Trans Associates for an \$85,000 traffic signal backplate installation project, which aims to improve intersection visibility by adding reflective tape to signal backplates at various intersections. This Project is fully funded through ARLE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- Melissa Klaric, The Herald; Ms. Klaric requested additional information regarding the ARLE Backplate Installation Project. Mr. Tomko said the project will address all signalized intersections throughout the City. Reflective tape will be installed on the backplates behind the traffic lights to improve visibility and make the signals more noticeable to drivers.
- Staci Hagood (Torrence) spoke in support of Ordinance #04-2025, which proposes naming an alley "Torrence Way." She introduced her husband, Jay Hagood; her brother, Kelvin Torrence; and her uncle, David Torrence. Ms. Hagood identified herself as the daughter of Marlene and Kenny Torrence. She has taken over her parents' home on A Street, where they lived since 1972 and raised five children. She expressed pride in her family's contributions to the community. Her father, Kenny Torrence, served as a police officer in the City for 27 years and was widely respected. Her mother, Marlene Torrence, was active in civic life, including voter engagement and working at the polls. Ms. Hagood emphasized the family's connection to the City of Sharon.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-25, introduced April 16, 2025 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, regulating the temporary placement of dumpsters and similar receptacles within city streets and sidewalks

No comments or questions.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #03-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, enacting a new Chapter 1034 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances, regulating the temporary placement of dumpsters and similar receptacles for the removal or storage of items within city streets and upon sidewalks; requiring a permit for said temporary use; and providing for penalties for violations” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance #04-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance 07-2024, which adopted an official street map for the City, to provide for two (2) named Ways in the vicinity of A Street and B Street” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Galaska

Vote: YES Mr. Galaska

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #30-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project #25-01 Bid to SereDay Trucking, Inc.; amount not to exceed \$282,800” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Ms. Heard

Second: Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #31-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the housing rehabilitation program guidelines for the Department of Community and Economic Development HOME Program only” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #32-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal for engineering services for the Backplate Installation Project funded through the ARLE Grant, from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc.; amount not to exceed \$17,500” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #33-25 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 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority; amount not to exceed \$147,900” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #34-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations – Abatement Construction Project base bid to Canfield Development; amount not to exceed \$10,990” **be adopted.**

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

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

** Attorney Stedman noted the project was not awarded to the lowest bidder. The lowest bid was rejected due to no response related to the bid bond submission.

MOTION that Resolution #35-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations – HVAC Construction Project base bid to Renick Brothers; amount not to exceed \$2,232,000” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #36-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, rejecting all bids for the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations – General Construction Project” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer

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

MOTION that Resolution #37-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, rejecting all bids for the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations – Plumbing Construction Project” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #38-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, rejecting all bids for the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations – Electrical Construction Project” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #39-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal for engineering services for the North Sharpsville Avenue and Pitt Street Intersection Safety Improvements funded through the ARLE Grant, from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc.; amount not to exceed \$25,000” **be adopted.**

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

Second: **Mr. Galaska**
YES Ms. Heard
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #40-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation to settle the Real Estate Assessment Appeals filed by MPT of Sharon-Steward, LLC” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Sizer**
Vote: **YES** Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer

Second: **Mr. Koerth**
YES Mr. Galaska
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 CITIZEN 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 #41-25 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 16, 2025, Council Meeting” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**
Vote: **YES** Mr. Galaska
YES Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Koerth

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

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: None.

NEWS MEDIA: None.

MR. SIZER: None.

MR. KOERTH: None.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MS. HEARD: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT: None.

CITIZENS:

- Christine Shaw, Connelly Blvd; Ms. Shaw said her father is visually impaired and she requested in February 2024 that the Street Department repaint the yellow lines on the sidewalk near the plaza entrance. Attorney Stedman said if this area is located on the street, the responsibility lies with the city; otherwise, it falls to the property owner. Mr. Tomko said he will look into the matter.

- Melissa Klaric, The Herald; Ms. Klaric asked the total cost for the ARLE (Automated Red-Light Enforcement) project on North Sharpsville Avenue and Pitt Street. Mr. Tomko said project cost is estimated at \$120,000; however, the true cost could differ.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM