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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Immediately Following Workshop

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:45 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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

☒ **Mr. Galaska**
☒ **Ms. Heard**

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

News Media:
☒ **The Herald**

Department Heads:

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #05-25, introduced June 4, 2025 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, vacating and abandoning that portion of Agate Place adjacent to Mercer County Tax Parcel ID # 1 I 18

Public Hearing for Ordinance #06-25, introduced June 4, 2025 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Sharon Zoning Ordinance to provide for terms of Gaming Facilities and Smoke Shops, permitting said uses by special exception, and provide various performance criteria for said uses

No comments or questions.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #05-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, vacating and abandoning that portion of Agate Place (formerly River Avenue) adjacent to the lands currently owned by Jolley River, LLC, at Mercer County Tax Parcel ID # 1 I 18” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

Second: **Mr. Sizer**

Vote: **YES** **Ms. Heard**

YES **Mr. Galaska**

YES **Mr. Koerth**

YES **Mrs. Bundrant**

YES **Mr. Sizer**

MOTION that Ordinance #06-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, amending portions of Part 12, Title 4 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances, related to Zoning, also known as the “Sharon Zoning Ordinance”; amending Section 902 to provide for the terms “Gaming Facilities” and “Smoke Shops”; permitting said uses by special exception in the C-2, M-1, M-2, and M-3 Zoning Districts; and to amend Section 309 to add Sections 309.37 and 309.38 to provide various performance criteria for said uses” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #07-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #08-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with Tenor Health Foundation Sharon, LLC, to lease the City’s portion of the public parking lot located across East State Street from the current Sharon Regional Medical Center, and approving the terms and conditions of said lease and authorizing the proper city officials to execute said lease” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #09-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, amending Part Four, Title Four of the City of Sharon Code of Ordinances, relating to motor vehicles and traffic; providing for regulations related to stop signs and one-way streets and elimination thereof” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #47-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the City of Sharon 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan” **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 #48-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania and titled Fair Housing Resolution” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #49-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order No. 1 to the City of Sharon East State Street Project; total increase to the contract not to exceed \$11,774” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Sizer**

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

Second: **Mr. Koerth**

YES Ms. Heard
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #50-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, amending the Schedule of Fees for those certain costs incurred by the City in the Collection of Delinquent Sewer Fees or Charges” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Ms. Heard**

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

Second: **Mr. Koerth**

YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #51-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Commonwealth Financial Authority for the TruckSmart Sharon Project; amount not to exceed \$971,952” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

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

Second: **Ms. Heard**

YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #52-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Site Clearance Project - Five (5) Properties to Siegel Excavating, LLC; amount not to exceed \$50,000, and paid from the Emergency Demolition Fund” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Sizer**

Vote: **YES** Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Ms. Heard

Second: **Ms. Heard**

YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #53-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the Final Lot 1 Henderson Consolidation Plan, which will consolidate Parcels 2 Q 84 and 2 Q 85” **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 #54-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the Finance Director to close the Medical Retiree checking account” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Ms. Heard**

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

Second: **Mr. Sizer**

YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #55-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations General Construction Re-Bid Project to Rien Construction; amount not to exceed \$324,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

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

Second: **Mr. Sizer**

YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #56-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Sharon City Municipal Building Renovations Electrical Construction Re-Bid Project to McCurley Houston Electrical; amount not to exceed \$493,000” **be adopted.**

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

Second: **Mr. Sizer**
YES **Mr. Koerth**
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 #57-25 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 June 4, 2025, Council Meeting” **be adopted.**

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

Second: **Ms. Heard**
YES **Ms. Heard**
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:

- Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani said when speaking at a Council Meeting, she understands that residents must give their name and address for the record and what is heard is public knowledge. However, when she talks with a City department head, she expects the conversation to be anonymous; She was informed that Mr. Whalen and his team know who she is, where she lives, and that she has complained. She said she has been complaining about Mr. Whalen’s properties on the West Hill and has pictures dated back to 2022, and it is still a mess. Ms. Testani asked if Mr. Whalen has a deal with the city or not? He has a house on Wilson Street that nobody has lived in 20 years. Attorney Stedman said this is generally protected information; however, if you make a complaint, it is not subject to the right to know law.
- Debbie Pickens, 629 Sherman Avenue; Ms. Pickens asked for clarification regarding the parking ordinance for trailers, boats, motor homes, uninspected cars. Mr. Fiscus said if it is parked on the street, report it on the nonemergency 911 line and the police will handle it. If it is on somebody’s property, then report it to the Code Department. Motor Homes, boats, trailers are not allowed to be parked on the street overnight.

Ms. Pickens asked what is happening with the Phoenix building. Mr. Fiscus said there is no update.

Ms. Pickens asked who schedules the date of Waterfire. This year, it is the same date as the Hermitage Arts Festival and Gus Macker Tournament. Mr. Fiscus said Waterfire schedules the dates. Mrs. Bundrant said the only group that has control over the date is the Hermitage Arts Festival.

- Terence Whalen, Owner of Shenango Valley Homes; Mr. Whalen said nobody from Council or the Code Department gave him Ms. Testani's name. He said work is being done and repairs have commenced on the house at 618 Wood Way: trees were cut down, windows were replaced, wiring and the electric is now running, and there were problems with and relocation of National Fuel Gas lines. Mrs. Bundrant suggested he and Ms. Testani talk after the meeting.

Mr. Whalen asked where the sewer fees and delinquency fees are published. Mrs. Bundrant provided him with a draft copy of Resolution 50-25. The fees will be published on the City's website.

- Hirman Griffin, 1082 Woodland Place; Mr. Griffin said there is a family of raccoons coming out of the storm sewers in his neighborhood. He asked if something could be put over the grates. Mr. Fiscus said if screens were installed, there could be the potential for flooding, but he will look into solutions. He said to call the Game Commission if raccoons are coming out during daylight hours.

Mr. Griffin said Tri County is not picking up garbage alongside the cans if the claw cannot pick it up. Mr. Fiscus asked him to call his office when this happens, and they will contact Tri County Industries.

- James Epstein, 1339 Kimberly; Mr. Epstein asked if the City is able to obtain a list of services now open and available at Sharon Regional Medical Center. Mr. Fiscus said he will obtain information on services and have it available at the next meeting.

Mr. Epstein asked about the amendment to the zoning ordinance that authorized a hotel to operate at the former Shenango Inn and whether it is still in effect, or if there is a sunset clause. Attorney Stedman said if you amend the zoning ordinance, it does not sunset. The only thing that can sunset is when a variance is granted. Mr. Fiscus said that there is a timeline in the amended Ordinance stating construction had to end within a time limit of when it began; in this case it never started. Mr. Epstein asked if this is for this particular hotel or any hotel built. Mr. Sizer said this needs to be checked.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM