

BUREAU OF COUNCIL
Molly Bundrant, President
Carl Sizer, Vice President
David Koerth
Taylor Galaska
Sonja M. Heard



Robert Fiscus, City Manager
Brett Stedman, City Solicitor
Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Immediately Following Workshop Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:56 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 (Attorney Marissa Atterholt)
 Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

Department Heads:

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

News Media:
 The Herald

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

No comments or questions on agenda items.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #08-24 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania repealing Chapter 254 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances, thereby eliminating the Sharon Economic and Community Development Commission since its objective are now undertaken by the Sharon Community Development Corporation" **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Galaska

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Galaska

MOTION that Ordinance #09-24 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing and replacing Chapter 280.14 of the Code of Ordinances, thereby amending the Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy for the City of Sharon" **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #54-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal for engineering services from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc., to prepare a PennDOT application for proposed ARLE public improvements along SR 0062; amount not to exceed \$52,500” **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 #55-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving two (2) land consolidation property projects” **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 #56-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project # 24-01 to Sere day Trucking, Inc.; amount not to exceed \$130,500” **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 #57-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, appointing authorized signatories for documents related to the City of Sharon Police Pension Plan and the City of Sharon Fire Pension Plan” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #58-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to award one (1) Sharon Revitalization and Investment Grant; total amount of award not to exceed \$150,000” **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 #59-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting the City of Sharon Right to Know Policy” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #60-24 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 Newspaper Holdings, Inc., c/o CNHI, LLC, by setting the total 2024 assessed values for the land and buildings located on tax parcel 4 A 5 at \$4,050, and for the land and building located on tax parcel 4 A 15 at \$739,950” **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 #61-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Official to approve Change Orders GC-1 and GC-2 to the Huntington Bank Parking Lot and Penn Avenue Project; total amount of change orders not to exceed \$35,330” **be adopted.**

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

Second: Ms. Heard
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 #62-24 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 5, 2024, Council Meeting, **be adopted.**

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

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

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: None.

NEWS MEDIA:

MR. SIZER: None.

MR. KOERTH: None.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MS. HEARD: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT: None.

CITIZENS:

Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson; Ms. Testani noted that the trash conversation from last meeting was tabled. Using one bag per week works perfectly for her, but she still does not think everybody has trash service.

Ms. Testani said that she has been complaining about 618 Wood Way since it was bought by Terry Whalen in 2021. Dave Tomko listened to her complaints in the past; she found out that the property is no longer on the condemned list because it was signed off last year by Mr. Tomko, although nothing has been done. She does not understand how it was removed from the condemned list. She said the property he owns on Wilson Street has new glass and windows; nobody has been in there since at least 2000. New steps have been installed on Jarrett's property, but the house has not been kept.

Ms. Testani said Tyler Technologies was in her area on Monday, but they did not leave a card or any other information. Mrs. Bundrant advised her to call Tyler Technologies.

Ms. Testani asked what was happening at the former Julian's site; she heard a pizza restaurant was moving there. Mr. Fiscus said there are parties interested in the site but has no distinct names at this time.

William DuBose, 419 Madison Street; Mr. DuBose recently moved to Sharon from Texas and California; Sharon is great, but he does see some concerns after being here for a year. The sidewalk improvements on Irvine Avenue are great. He is concerned for elderly neighbors and said every neighborhood in the City needs to be represented and kept the same as all the others; if not it is a lacking to the seats held by Council. At minimum there should be some type of chemical to get rid of overgrown grass. Mrs. Bundrant asked if there was a specific concern that Council could address for him as Council is aware of overgrown grass and sidewalks that need to be replaced. Mr. DuBose said he understands the freedom to own property, have landlords, and rental homes. He observed a group home on his street with heavy traffic and illicit activity, and drug sales; this is not something that should happen in any part of Sharon. As a City, we have landlords operating, and anything is allowed for group homes and activities impacting neighborhoods. Mrs. Bundrant said the City cannot prohibit who is rented to, but there are some safeguards in place for the actual homes. Mr. DuBose asked who allowed a group home to be put on Madison Street. Mr. Fiscus said it would be discriminatory to prohibit a group home. Mrs. Bundrant advised him to call law enforcement when he sees illegal activity. Mr. DuBose said he has but it is not a practical solution as law enforcement arrives after the fact. Mrs. Bundrant encouraged Mr. DuBose to continue attending Council Meetings as Council discusses issues on an ongoing basis. If he is able to attend in the future, it would be appreciated for him to listen and try to be a part of the solutions and possibly join Boards or Commissions. She said taking back neighborhoods will be a slow and gradual process and the Comprehensive Plan is another part of this.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM