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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:01 PM

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:01 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President Bundrant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Galaska |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Sizer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Heard |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Koerth | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Fiscus, City Manager | <u>News Media:</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney Stedman, City Solicitor | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Lenkey, Director of Code Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Settle, Public Works Director |

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Fiscus requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #05-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing a grant to Tenor Health Foundation Sharon, LLC; amount not to exceed \$500,000.”
be adopted.

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

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: No comments.

NEWS MEDIA: Michael Roknick, Business Editor for the Sharon Herald. Mr. Roknick publicly recognized and congratulated Mr. Fiscus for getting married. Mr. Roknick asked Mr. Fiscus questions regarding the Sharon Regional Medical Center deal:

Mr. Roknick: Is this specifically tailored to Tenor Health Foundation Sharon, LLC, or is it an open deal?

Mr. Fiscus: The money is specific to Tenor Health.

Mr. Roknick: Has Tenor indicated whether it would operate as a profit or nonprofit?

Mr. Fiscus: Nonprofit.

Mr. Roknick: What is the timeline for money to be in place and things to start happening?

Mr. Fiscus: I wish I had that information; unfortunately, the hospital is closed as of this morning. The timeline is tight. It is our hope, and we are optimistic that it will reopen quickly, and essential healthcare is provided to the region as it was a few weeks ago.

Mr. Roknick: Are we talking about weeks for reopening or could it be quicker?

Mr. Fiscus: It is our hope, and we are advocating it to reopen faster than two weeks.

Mr. Roknick: Is it correct that Tenor must open the hospital to receive the funds?

Mr. Fiscus: They would have to provide evidence that they will open; we will work with our solicitor to execute agreements.

Mr. Roknick: What is the game plan of reopening; will they open a small part of the hospital and then gradually reopen?

Mr. Fiscus: It will take a while to ramp up now that it is closed. The expectation is in the long term all the services as previously provided will be back in service. It is not expected to happen quickly, it would be a process.

Mr. Roknick: Is Tenor committing any of its own funds?

Mr. Fiscus: I do not have that information available.

Mr. Roknick: Is there a full package deal that someone can review, or is it still being created.

Mr. Fiscus: It is still being pieced together, but there was a request from Tenor Foundation to a number of community partners to come up with funds around \$10 million; collectively, we were successful in doing that. This is separate; the \$10 million is a line-of-credit and the \$500,000 is a grant that is forgivable over a period of time.

Mr. Roknick: All of the funding has been committed or soon will be?

Mr. Fiscus: There have been commitments and pledges for it. The largest portion came from the Buhl Regional Health Foundation. We appreciate their willingness to meet and see the need to keep the hospital open.

Mr. Roknick: How much have they committed?

Mr. Fiscus: I would like to leave that open; I don't know the exact number.

Mr. Roknick: Multiple millions?

Mr. Fiscus: Yes. I would say by far the largest portion of the \$10 million is coming from them.

Mr. Roknick: Has the State or someone local done a due diligence on Tenor?

Mr. Fiscus: I cannot speak to that process. The Department of Health and the Governor's Office and other agencies are actively working through that.

Mr. Roknick: So, are they being vetted by the State?

Mr. Fiscus: Yes.

Mr. Roknick: Has Tenor given any commitments of any sort other than opening the hospital, as far as improving operations there?

Mr. Fiscus: The only commitment I can speak of is when we met as a group of funders, they were committed to maintaining the level of services that were there.

Mr. Roknick: Is there anything else you can tell us?

Mr. Fiscus: I stress that we don't have any confirmation that there is a deal in place for Tenor. If the deal is inked and all the moving parts come together, we want to make sure we are prepared to fund it and get the hospital open as soon as possible.

Mr. Roknick: You expect to have all the funding in place very quickly?

Mr. Fiscus: As each organization comes together that has commitments, they go through their Boards and their local governments, and it will come together.

MR. SIZER: No comments.

MR. KOERTH: No comments.

MR. GALASKA: No comments.

MS. HEARD: No comments.

MRS. BUNDRANT: No comments.

CITIZENS: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at **6:09 PM**