

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2020  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 4:30 P.M. Cindy King then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara (remotely), Sheila Cherry (remotely), James Edwards (remotely), Andrew Grove (remotely), Cindy King (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Clerk Yost read the notice of the special meeting and compliance with S.B. 197 permitting public meetings by teleconferencing.

Amended Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

Minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Notice of the Cancellation of the April 6, 2020 City Council Meeting
2. Minutes of the March 16, 2019 Tax Incentive Review Commission Meeting
3. Notice of the April 8, 2019 City Council Meeting
4. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: 2020 Income Tax Information
5. Letter from Government Finance Officers Association RE: Certificate of Achievement
6. Notice from Stark DD Board RE: Food Sources in the Community
7. Notice from OhioMeansJobs RE: enhanced web site for immediate jobs
8. Notice from United Way RE: Mortgage / rent assistance
9. Notice from Mayor Andreani RE: Pandemic update
10. Notice of Cancellation of the April 3, 2020 Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting
11. Minutes of the March 18, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
12. Agenda for the April 15, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
13. Notice from Get Out the Count RE: Census Information
14. Notice from Mayor Andreani RE: Update on electronic / telephonic Meetings
15. Notice from Mayor Andreani RE: Notice of Closures due to Covid 19

Motion and Second to record and file all communications tendered to the Clerk. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** (remotely): Thanked everyone for accommodating a meeting electronically to comply with social distancing

Stated that the City is conducting business and commended City employees for keeping things working during the pandemic.

Noted that in accordance with Governmental restrictions and social distancing, City Hall is closed to the public except for the Administration Lobby which is open with collection boxes for Water Bills and Income Taxes and noted that the tax deadline has been extended to July 15

in accordance with State and Federal taxes.

Stated that the City is complying with the Governor's request to keep City Parks open for exercise but that area subject to public congregating such as pavilions and playgrounds have been closed off. Park employees, the police and administration officials have been patrolling the parks to enforce social distancing requirements. Also working on frequent cleaning of areas such as restrooms to prevent virus spreading.

Commended the City Health Department and particularly Health Commissioner Flint for never ending hard work of investigating complaints related to essential businesses and investigating outbreak hot spots and tracking history of confirmed cases. So far there have been 17 confirmed cases and one death.

Congratulated Auditor Knowles for his certificate of excellence for the City CAFER report from the Government Finance Officers Association

Reminded the public that the Census information is still being compiled and encouraged everyone to reply to the census

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Stated that an analysis of the extended Family Medical Leave Act in S.B. 197 doesn't include emergency employees which is basically all of our City Employees so the Administration has decided to place anyone in need on administrative leave so that they essentially get the same benefit.

Noted and reviewed the new modifications to Kimble Trash service during the pandemic. The scale back is necessary to ensure we don't have a trash back up during the crisis causing other health concerns.

Reviewed Ordinances 13-20; 21-21; 23-20; 27-20; and 32-20

**Law Director Arnold:** Reviewed Ordinance 23-20.

Recommended using a Roll Call vote on all Ordinances in this remote format to be sure everything is clear and in compliance with S.B. 197

**Auditor Knowles:** Thanked everyone for recognizing the certificate of excellence for the City CAFER report from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Discussed the impact of the COVID 19 shut down and the possible impact on City finances. Stated that it is too early to tell what the impact will be but the City will have to look at the Budget to determine potential adjustments. Stated that the General Funding is 75% generated by income tax and the forced unemployment will likely have an impact. Also people are driving less causing a significant loss in gas tax so paving may have to be scaled back. City will have to re-examine capital improvements and paving.

Informed Council that the City received notice that there will be an increase in CDBG funding with an allocations of \$367,100.

Stated that the Income Tax deadline has been extended to July 15<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the State and Federal deadlines.

Stated that the City may be eligible for FEMA funding for COVID 19 response so City

departments are tracking expenses such as overtime for application purposes.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the effect of the lost revenue on the Economic recovery plan. Auditor Knowles stated that the State Auditor's office is aware that everyone is in the same situation and it is unlikely they will hold it against us but it has not been addressed at this point.

Stated the need to adopt ordinance 8-20 so that a City Budget is adopted before March 31.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** No formal report.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report

**Finance: Grove:** No formal report.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** No formal report.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No formal report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**THIRD READINGS:**

**Ordinance 13-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a contract between The City of Alliance and the Alliance Water and Sewer Distribution Employees Association (WSDEA); and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 21-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a contract between The City of Alliance and the Alliance Wastewater Treatment, Water Treatment, Water Distribution and Street Department Employee Association (AWWWSEA); and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 23-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance amending Ordinances 7-91, 161-99 and 30-15 Wages, Salaries and Work Benefits for Employees of the City of Alliance who are not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Amend to include new Exhibit A. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 24-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of Outlot 607 located in the 2000 – 2200 blocks of Brayton Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Safety Service Director related that the Planning

Commission has approved the measure. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 25-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance amending the Alliance City Zoning Code as adopted by Ordinance 130-05 and subsequently amended. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 26-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into an agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's contract for the purchase of Sodium Chloride; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 27-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance granting John W Neidert and Kimberely N. Neidert, Trustees, an exclusive easement over approximately 500 square feet of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Knox Township, Columbiana County, Ohio (Westville Lakes Reservoir) for the maintenance of a driveway and bocce court. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 28-20:** Introduced by King: An Ordinance authorizing and recommending the continuance of the Alliance Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement tax abatement with Lavery Chevrolet Buick, Inc. CRA No. 2, Trilogy Real Estate Partners, LLC. Alliance Ventures- Western, Alliance Ventures – Kohl's; Alliance Ventures Mount Union and Declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to excuse Mastroianni due to a conflict. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 29-20** – Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of outlots 734 and 735 located at 200 East State Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 30-20** – Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 4857 and 4855 located at 2305 Ridgewood in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 31-20** – Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of lot 6753 and all of lots 6754, 6755 and 6756 located at 400 Overlook Drive in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to excuse Mastroianni due to a conflict. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 32-20** – Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance accepting the donation of Real Property (Stark County Auditor's Permanent Parcel No. 101872). Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Asked everyone to stay safe and expressed wishes for a quick and safe termination of the pandemic

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Praying for a quick and safe resolution of the pandemic situation.

**Councilman Edwards:** Expressed a desire for a quick and safe termination of the pandemic and noted it was good to see everyone even if it is virtually in this manner.

**Councilman Grove:** Expressed gratitude to Auditor Knowles for his Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association

**Councilwoman King:** Expressed her desire that everyone stay safe and healthy

**Councilman Lohnes:** Expressed his hope that everyone stays healthy and that the situation resolves quickly

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Reminded everyone to continue their social distancing and stay healthy. Also thanked the Health Commissioner and Health Department for all of the work in this pandemic crisis.

**President Garnes:** Thanked the Auditor and Law Director for all of the work to put this virtual meeting together so that the City could conduct necessary City business while maintaining social distancing for health and safety.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

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| <b>Ordinance 13-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>                             |
| <b>Ordinance 21-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>                             |
| <b>Ordinance 23-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED</b>                  |
| <b>Ordinance 24-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>                             |
| <b>Ordinance 25-20</b> | <b>SECOND READING</b>                      |
| <b>Ordinance 26-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>                             |
| <b>Ordinance 27-20</b> | <b>FIRST READING</b>                       |
| <b>Ordinance 28-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>                             |
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| <b>Ordinance 32-20</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>                             |

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**