

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Edwards 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), and Edward Lohnes (remotely).

Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman King due to illness. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni due to being out of town. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the May 18, 2020 Special 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. Planning Housing and Zoning Committee additional recommendations to City Council regarding the proposed Zoning changes
2. Notice of the July 6, 2020 Public Hearing on Ordinance 25-20
3. Notice of the June 3, 2020 Safety and Judiciary Committee Meeting
4. Minutes of the May 13, 2020 Safety and Judiciary Committee Meeting
5. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Information

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** (remotely): Reviewed the continuity of Operations for the City amid the COVID-19 shut downs and noted the Administration Offices are still closed to public access. Acknowledged the Police Department City employees for keeping City things orderly during the recent civil demonstrations. Reminded everyone of the extreme strain on the Health Department and asked that non-essential or non-Covid related calls be postponed if possible or directed through email. Phones are extremely busy and the lobby is not open to the public for in-person business.

Noted that playgrounds and pavilions are still closed but City is reviewing how ball fields, tennis courts and swimming pool may be opened under the restrictions. Noted the public gathering limit is still 10 people.

Updated everyone on the City participation in the census. Please fill out the report as it is highly important for things such as Federal and State funding.

Noted the CDBG-CV funding will be distributed through a consortium, so City officials are working to direct funding to Alliance agencies.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Updated Council on water and sewer billing amid the Pandemic and no shut offs.

Reported the Union Avenue rehab project should be complete by the end of the month with the new sidewalks, curbs and light poles installed.

Reported that the old USA gas station in front of Kohl's plaza is being pushed for clean up. City officials have been pushing the State Fire Marshal's office to work on clean up.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the progress on the old Bonded station on Arch street and progress at clean up there. Director Dreger stated that Marathon Oil has been very receptive to clean up efforts on the site but things got stalled amid the covid crisis and the economic impact but it should be progressing soon.

#### **Law Director Arnold:**

Reviewed the public hearing process for Ordinances 25-20 to be held on July 6 utilizing the remote meeting process. Asked Council to approve the process so notices can go out.

Reviewed Ordinance 43-20 and stated the State has not yet acted on the legislation for funding so no action is necessary on this ordinance yet.

Reviewed her office staffing and stated she has been operating short one prosecutor for several weeks. She has hired a new police prosecutor and asked Council to approve the hiring of Ron Gatz as a new Assistant Law Director / Police Prosecutor.

Motion and Second to approve the hiring of Ron Gatz as a new Assistant Law Director / Police Prosecutor. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Income Tax Recapitulation looking at the projected impact throughout the year. Stated he will provide this report each. Stated that return filings are at about 57% of last years returns. The deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup> but encouraging people to file if they can. An update memo on how to file with offices closed will go out in the next water bill.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** Asked for Council action and support on Ordinance 35-20 to allow options for bidding.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Expressed concerns of parking in areas of the 1<sup>st</sup> ward. Looking into methods to eliminate these congested parking areas. Also looking into cleaning up the neighborhoods. With all of the ongoing health concerns, the accumulation of trash and debris, we are going to be having other health problems.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report.

**Finance: Grove:** No formal report but offered appreciation to the Auditor for financial transparency during this recent financial crisis.

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

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** Stated there will be Committee meeting on June 3, 2020 at 5:30 using the virtual format to review Codified Ordinance 505 dealing with animals and to put

together a final ordinance to present to Council.

Asked for support of Resolution 45-20 to assist the Village of East Canton with our Police Department Special Response Team if needed.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** Absent but Councilman Grove Reported. Reviewed the Committee meeting of May 27<sup>th</sup> that reviewed the proposed Zoning changes. Stated there is a need to move the Public Hearing on Ordinance 25-20 to July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None were presented

### **THIRD READINGS:**

**Ordinance 35-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for services to complete and carry out the 2020 comprehensive road resurfacing and overlay program and the resurfacing of South Arch Avenue from US62/ East State Street to East Broadway Street (2020 Paving) in an amount not to exceed \$850,000; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

### **SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 43-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance supporting receipt of Coronavirus aid, relief and economic security funding pursuant to Ohio S.B. 310; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 44-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance granting exception for the construction of a single-family residence on Alliance lot 12660 One Hundred feet distant from an existing oil and gas wellhead; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Resolution 45-20:** Introduced by Lohnes: A Resolution authorizing participation in a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Village of East Canton. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 46-20:** Introduced by King: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Alliance to enter into an agreement with the County of Stark, Ohio, and the City of Massillon for the purpose of continuing the participation of the City of Alliance in the Stark County Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) consortium for the period of FY 2020-2021; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**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.**

Motion and Second to approve the Public Hearing format for Ordinance 25-20 proposed by the Law Director. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Expressed desire for health and healing and that protests continue to remain peaceful.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Expressed the desire everyone be kind, safe, and well and stated it is a shame that protests in other communities turned violent.

**Councilman Edwards:** Stated be safe and love your neighbor.

**Councilman Grove:** Be safe and remember God gives hope.

**Councilwoman King:** Absent.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Reminded everyone with increased good weather there are a lot more walkers and kids playing in the neighborhoods so be careful and aware. Congratulated the recent 2020 graduates and wished them the best in future endeavors. Expressed gratitude to Health Care workers who have worked very hard during this pandemic and reminded everyone to be kind to your neighbors.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 25-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 35-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 43-20</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 44-20</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>
<b>Resolution 45-20</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 46-20</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**