

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Crawl, Fahl, Grace, Kotses, McGee, and Risner.

Also present: President Pro Tem Butler, Mayor Patterson, and Law Director Eliason.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Crawl moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held January 7, 2019; Fahl seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATION:

Council Member Risner received a communication from a constituent expressing appreciation for the timeliness of street snow removal.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Patterson reported the following:

- Received a letter from NOPEC regarding the next round of Energized Communities Grants. The City used last year's grant for solar lighting on the new East State Street bus shelters. Items that are permissible under this granting mechanism, among others, are LED lights and generators;
- Mayor will be representing Athens at the Ohio Conference for Community Development, Smart Communities and Smart Infrastructure; and
- Received a letter from out-going Governor Kasich regarding the City's involvement in the Ohio Art Corridor.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-157-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-158-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING:

0-01-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO INCLUDE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fahl moved to Amend to add Athens City Code Section 5.03.04, Water Rates, to Title 1; Crowl seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously. Fahl moved for Suspension of the Rules so that the Water Rates/Fees can be updated in our next MuniCode supplement; McGee seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Fahl moved for Adoption; McGee seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-02-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 5, PUBLIC UTILITIES, CHAPTER 5.03, WATER REGULATIONS. Butler moved for Suspension of the Rules in order that Athens City Code Section 5.03 can be updated in our next MuniCode supplement; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Butler moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-03-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH ATHENS COMMUNITY TELEVISION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Butler moved for Suspension of the Rules in that the contract is effective January 1, 2019 and a payment is due; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Butler moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-04-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SOFTENING SALT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

0-05-19

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING EAST UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND UNIVERSITY TERRACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR.

Discussion: Fahl asked about the dates for Number Fest this year as well as Athens Beautification Day.

Mayor Patterson will confirm both of those dates. He noted that the new location on East Union Street last year was successful for the street fair as well as the uptown business owners. This is a great area to hold a street fest.

0-06-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE PAINTING WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON U.S. STATE ROUTE 33 (PID 106810); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Discussion: Kotses indicated that ODOT has requested two additional Rt. 33 bridges to this project.

0-07-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE PAINTING WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON U.S. STATE ROUTE 33 (PID 25343); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-08-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to make a payment to ODOT that is now due; Crowl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-09-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CREDIT CARD POLICY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Discussion: Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet a State deadline of February 2, 2019; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Discussion: Risner noted some minor changes made by the Auditor to the document that is currently on Council's shared drive.

Kotses pointed out that these changes are under "Prohibited Expenses" and the following have been added; uniforms, utility payments, phone and wireless services.

Butler asked for an update on the appointment of a Compliance Officer.

Risner has been informed by the Law Director that the President of Council Pro Tem cannot act in that capacity, and the search continues.
Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-10-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-18, ESTABLISHING A CITY CODE TITLE FOR INITIATIVE PETITIONS. Fahl moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to include a change in the Title for Initiative Petitions from Tile 49 to Tile 97; Crowl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Fahl moved for Adoption Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-11-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, TAXES, CHAPTER 15.01, INCOME TAX, SECTION 15.01.13, BOARD OF APPEAL.

0-12-19

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO OHIO UNIVERSITY TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN UTILITY CONDUITS ON STATION STREET PROPERTY.

RESOLUTION FOR FIRST READING:

R-01-19

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SERVICES THE CITY OF ATHENS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.74 ACRES LOCATED ON HILLCREST DRIVE, AS REQUESTED BY THE ANNEXATION PETITIONER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Risner moved to accept the Auditor's December, 2018 Financial Reports; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Fahl moved to approve the appointments of Rick Abel and Steve Sloan to serve 2-year terms from 2/1/19 to 1/31/21 on the Income Tax Review Board; McGee seconded. Appointments were approved unanimously.

Fahl moved to reappoint John Kotowski to serve an additional term on the Shade Tree Commission; Risner seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

Mayor Patterson announced a one-day delay in trash/recycling due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Also, he noted that monthly vending spaces have

been reduced on East Union Street to three, which is the number of permits that have been issued. All other spaces are currently open to public parking.

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Fahl moved to Adjourn the meeting; McGee seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

President Pro Tem of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council