

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Crowl, Grace, McCarey, Risner, Spjeldnes, Swank, and Ziff.

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, Law Director Eliason, and Service-Safety Director Stone.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Knisely mentioned the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control discussed in committee last week for the transfer of D2 and D2X permits **FROM** Lams Garden, Inc., dba Lams Garden II, 936 East State Street **TO** Montle, LLC, dba AM, 74 North Court Street. Any concerns with this transfer must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2022.

Council Member Crowl reported that a student member of the Environment & Sustainability Commission produced a video of the Beautification Day project at Mike Stanley Park. It is currently being aired on the City's website as well as on the Ohio University Sustainability playlist. Also, the City, County and the University are collaborating on a bike to work/class event on September 14th.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson reported on the following:

- Thanked those individuals providing ALS signing during the well-attended Athens Community Arts & Music Festival over the weekend.
- Is in receipt of a number of phone calls and emails about the study to return Court Street to two-way traffic. Traffic flow in the uptown area is part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. In the early 1960's Court Street was two-way. Returning it to two-way will be studied during the Washington/State/Mill Street Improvements project.
- Provided Council with a copy of the REAL Assessment Report, provided by the National League of Cities, that includes baseline data to understand where our City staff is in their understanding of racial equity (see attached).

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-94-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-DESIGNATE HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION (HAPCAP) TO ADMINISTER THE ATHENS PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS SYSTEM. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-95-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-DESIGNATE HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION (HAPCAP) AS CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE OHIO RURAL INTERCITY BUS PROGRAM (GoBUS). Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-96-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO MAJOR CRIMES UNIT. McCarey moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-85-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 29, HOUSING REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 29.36, PROHIBITED ACTONS, TO ADD SECTION 29.36.02, TENANT'S RIGHT TO PAY TO STAY.

0-98-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

0-99-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE PAY FOR THE POOL MANAGER.

0-100-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 STAFFING LEVELS AND COMPENSATION, AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 141-21, TO ADD A PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

0-101-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT BIDS, WHERE NECESSARY, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL RENOVATIONS, PROJECT #356, PHASE I, CONFERENCE ROOMS.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-102-22

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 51, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; SECTION 51.01, ATHENS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (ACIC); AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE ACIC; AND APPROVING THE PLAN AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT AND CODE OF REGULATIONS WITH ACIC. Discussion: Swank asked, ideally, how often the ACIC should meet to achieve the City's goals.

Mayor believes, initially, the ACIC should meet at least monthly during the first year, and will then reassess.

Swank asked if the Mayor foresees the opportunity, as the ACIC develops, that there might be the possibility for additional members to broaden the business base.

Mayor responded that he does. He has approached both Leslie Schaller and Mark Snider who have agreed to serve. As the ACIC sees the need, other community members can be included.

Rob Delach, Morris Avenue, asked if there are projects already in mind.

Mayor is looking at several project opportunities, i.e. moving along the Armory redevelopment, applying for historic tax credits; disposition of some properties, in particular 83 Columbus Road, a former gas station; and the former City Vore Ridge landfill, a challenging 26-acre parcel.

0-103-22

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A 25-YEAR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM OHIO UNIVERSITY, LOCATED AT THE CLIPPINGER CENTER.

0-104-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND ORDINANCE 72-20; AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#330).

0-105-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 3.07, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, SECTION 3.07.41, ATHENS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD; DEFINITIONS.

0-106-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules to facilitate the loan documents needed for Project #317; Grace seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously.

Swank asked about the term of this zero interest loan.

Service-Safety Director responded, 30 years.

Crowl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-107-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Grace moved to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Tim Anderson to serve as an Alternate on the Historic Preservation Commission; Ziff seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

Swank asked when the reverse parking area on College Street will be ready for use.

Service-Safety Director plans to have the meters and signage installed prior to this weekend.

At approximately 7:35 p.m. Ziff moved to Adjourn the meeting; Swank seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council