

MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2016
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair
Jennifer Cochran, Vice-Chair
Peter Kotses, Member

Other Council Members: Patrick McGee
Michele Papai
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or

Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Wiehl
Service-Safety Director Horan Moseley

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program (CHIP)
 - Glen Crippen, HAPCAP Coordinator – explained that (CHIP) is a federally funded program and the awards are competitive – application due date is May 6th – if the City wanted to apply on its own it would only be eligible for \$250,000 – if it is a participating partner it would then be eligible for \$400,000 (this program is budgeted with certain amounts set out for the geographical area) – activities for qualifying households are: owner rehabilitation and repair and rental home rehabilitation and repair, down payment assistance, and new home construction (collaborating with Habitat for Humanity)
 - Papai – asked about the income guidelines
 - Crippen – low to moderate income (LMI) qualifying households must be at 80% of the area median income – for a household of 1 person, the area median income is currently \$31,200, so 80% of that figure – goes up incrementally with the number of people in the household at the time of eligibility – data can change annually, but doesn't vary much – there are also varying thresholds, 50% and 35% of (LMI) are considered low and very low income – some of the activities are reserved for those households
 - Mayor – asked about grant scoring
 - Crippen – partner applicants with (3) or more eligible jurisdictions will score better than a jurisdiction applying alone – State likes to see collaboration and innovative partnerships
- Athens Community Television
 - Matt Green, Director – provided an overview of 2015 (annual report available in City Council office) – he reaching out to area high schools, ACT is a good learning tool for students

- S-S Director – Storm Water Protection Team plans to utilize ACT as another educational outreach through PSA's

- Green – requested new equipment
- S-S Director – asks that Council consider an appropriation up to \$1500 to Cable Access Fund, 215

- Butler – supports ACT – requested expenditure is a small investment for ACT's accomplishments

- (2) Sanitary Sewer Trucks (disposal and replacement)
 - S-S Director – trucks have exceeded their useful life

 - Mayor – plan is to replace only the chassis and the cab, the truck beds are still useful

- Rapid Water Line Replacement
 - Mayor – seeking appropriation and authorization of \$200,000

- 911 Enhancement
 - Butler – a request has been received to support the Athens County 9-1-1's enhanced communications grant application through the Ohio Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program to facilitate the creation of a wireless broadband network in Athens County – others agreeing to collaborate in this effort with Athens County 9-1-1 are the City of Nelsonville, Athens Township, Rome Township and York Township

- Spring Clean Up
 - Mayor – week of April 18-22

- Household Hazardous Waste
 - Mayor – April 23 – will need an appropriation of \$15,000 to Garbage Fund, 760

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. CHIP
2. Appropriations
3. Sewer Trucks
4. Rapid Water Line Replacement
5. 9-1-1 Resolution

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Vice-Chair
Patrick McGee, Member

Other Council Members: Kent Butler
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Michele Papai

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Items Discussed:

- Lot Split (Abfall Subdivision)
 - Risner – a recommendation has been received from the Planning Commission to grant a variance for an access easement to property located on Tedrow Road, owner, Ben Abfall, to allow a lot split within the City's 3-mile planning jurisdiction

 - Service-Safety Director and Member of the Planning Commission – indicated that this property was owned by AEP and recently auctioned into several parcels – this particular parcel is landlocked and current owner has obtained an access easement from adjoining property owners

 - Risner – pointed out that this lot split has essentially no impact on the City proper – simply following needed approval process

- Wellhead Protection (amendment)
 - Mike Cooper, Athens City-County Health Department and a Member of the Source Water Protection Team for the City of Athens – upon periodic review of the Wellhead Protection Plan, changes are being requested to address agricultural activities regarding pesticides in the Armitage area suitable to conduct farming operations of crops such as corn and soybeans – planned amendment will include no bulk storage of chemicals and pesticides upon the land; such agricultural activity must receive approval from the Source Water Protection Team 30 days prior to operation to include location within the WHPA, acreage to be impacted,

crops to be raised, a detail of activities, a comprehensive list of all chemicals and justification of use (data showing soil samples of any deficiencies and plan of any fertilizers needed to achieve results), proof of proper calibration of all application equipment, licensure status of all service personnel, and storm water runoff and erosion control plans and structures – will also need to add a definition of “Integrated Pest Management (IPM)”

-Cochran – asked if there are currently any agricultural operations in this area

-Cooper – none currently – pointing out that the ordinance amendment is not being made chemical specific – will encourage organic farming, conventional farming methods as opposed to broadcasting of fertilizers and pesticides on a large scale – concern is with the total number of acreage and the volume of pesticide that would be applied, noting that the Armitage Well Field supplies the vast majority of the water for the City of Athens – input to this approach has been received from OEPA

-McGee – asked if the Wellhead Protection Plan prohibits commercial farming such as hog farming

-Cooper – there is a specific prohibition regarding animal feed lots and confined animal feeding operations

-McGee – questioned the \$500 per day penalty (small penalty) for a one-time application

-Cooper – penalty would be determined by the Law Director and ultimately the Court – issue being, has it done damage or harm to the source water protection area – Section 39.01.08 (B3), Enforcement, states:

...”prohibited materials associated with a prohibited land use, activity, or facility as referenced in Section 39.01.05(D) shall be remediated immediately and may be punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000.00 each day of non-compliance shall be considered a separate offense.”

-Risner – questioned at what time the comprehensive list of all fertilizers, pesticides being used would be requested, and what happens if the farmer at mid-season would want to make further application

-Cooper – list would be requested prior to commencement of any kind of operation, and an additional request would need to be made if further application is needed

-Risner – pointed out that the legislation does not address additional application beyond commencement of the activity

-Cooper – that will need to be corrected in this amendment

-Risner – does the Plan address whether the original requester can then lease the land to someone else to operate

- Cooper – whoever the operator is will be responsible for providing the information
- Risner – he has a problem with that because the further you get away from the person who is responsible for the action, the more likely a violation will occur – something will fall through the crack
- Cooper – good point, language should address ultimate responsibility in the case of lease situations – this is a draft document and he welcomes input

- Cochran – questioned why the City would permit the use of chemicals at all in our Wellhead Protection Area
- Cooper – there are compounds that can be effectively used that don't compromise the water supply – also, levels are always monitored – not trying to discourage agricultural activities
- Cochran – she would just like to discourage the use of toxic chemicals
- S-S Director – you don't want to negate a property's value completely

- Papai – asked if Council's questions will be addressed by the Wellhead Team
- Cooper – yes, the Team meets again on March 25th, and a final document will be reviewed by the Law Director and returned to City Council

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Abfall Lot Split

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Boogie on the Bricks (street closure)

-Judy Weimer, Event Coordinator – indicated that this year the Board has decided to change the date to Saturday, July 16 – traditionally, the closing takes place at 7:00 a.m., but would like that changed to 6:00 a.m. this year to have more time for set up, with the event to occur from noon to 11:00 p.m. and the street opening again at 1:00 a.m. – event will be similar to recent years, with art and food vendors, and children’s area in parking lot next to Attractions, in collaboration with Athens County Children Services and the Dairy Barn – will again have two stages, one at the intersection of Court and Union and the main stage at the intersection of Court and State – Zero Waste Initiative collaboration with Rural Action will continue, and there will likely be street performers

-Papai – asked if the event has been discussed with the Athens Uptown Business Association (AUBA)

-Weimer – no contact has been made at this time, but she will make note of that

-Butler – encouraged reaching out to AUBA with regard to the stage placement

-Papai – asked about the location of the vendors

-Weimer – vending is planned to begin near Attractions and continue down to Whit’s

-Papai – asked about the date of Brew Week

-Mayor – July 23rd

-Papai – questioned having Court Street closed two consecutive Saturday's in July – again, strongly encouraged discussion with AUBA

- King Midget (street closure)

-Papai – this event comes to Athens every 10 years – the King Midget Motors plant in Athens actually built these cars

-Glen Goins – noted that this is the 70th anniversary and approximately 100 cars are expected – would like street closures for a cruise-in, the High Street hill climb on Saturday, August 13, with closure from 9:00-11:30 a.m. (same as 2006 closure), and the 100 miles per gallon challenge will take place on Friday (for those cars with the original engine), approximately 25-30 cars

-S-S Director – noted that the 100 miles per gallon challenge will likely need to be following “rules of the road” with no closure

-Goins – the King Midget history is held in Alden Library – Friday evening prior to the Cruise-In, they would like to line up the King Midget cars along Park Place for a 4:00 p.m. ribbon cutting at Alden

-S-S Director – believes the traffic on Park Place can be rerouted to accommodate the ribbon cutting

- Ohio University American Society of Mechanical Engineers Human Powered Vehicle Challenge (street closure)

-Cody Pettit, a student in the Mechanical Engineering Department, Russ College of Engineering – plans to host the ASME HPVD East competition on campus – expecting 350-500 participant students, judges and competitors from May 13-15 – Friday is set aside for safety inspection and team presentations, Saturday street closure request (on Mill Street from N. McKinley to South Green Drive) from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the drag races, and an endurance event on Sunday held near the Convocation Center

- McKinley Avenue (extension)

-Mayor – explained that this is the old rail bed on Stimson that runs next to Sonic and the Mill Street Apartments – requesting to submit an application for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds totaling \$500,000 to be used toward these improvements – this is part of the Ohio University Master Plan – a gateway to the southeast portion of campus

-Papai – noted that currently this is a private road used to access the apartment complex, and travel through by others to reach South Green Drive

-Mayor – understands that the right-of-way is 100' through this area and is Ohio University property from Stimson to McKinley

-Papai – asked about the City's cost share

-Mayor – City's share is \$250,000 – the total project cost is approximately \$1.9 million (expected funds from: JOBS Ohio, \$300,000; ODOT, \$100,000; ARC \$500,000; along with a financial commitment from Ohio University)

-Papai – asked about the University's commitment amount

-Mayor -- \$750,000

-Papai – to recap, this would become a City street, being a direct route from Stimson to campus

-Kotses – asked if this includes any improvement to Stimson Avenue

-Mayor – it would include a roundabout on Stimson to eliminate traffic congestion and offer traffic calming, using some Ohio University land

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