

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, and Law Director Eliason.

APPOINT ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR MEETING:

Butler moved to appoint Council Member Chris Fahl as Acting Clerk for the meeting; Papai seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Risner moved approval of the Regular Session of City Council held March 21, 2016; Cochran seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Knisely reported receipt of the following:

- Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the request for a D5B permit for Kiser Bar BQ Enterprises, LLC, dba Kiser Barbeque at 1002 East State Street (mall location). Responses must be postmarked no later than April 18, 2016.

Council Member Kotses received a phone call from a resident noting that Northwood Drive is in need of resurfacing, noting that it is not on the 2016 paving list.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson reported the following:

- April is Autism Awareness month
- April 9, Saturday Athens County Free Scrap Tire Drop-off event from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wayne National Headquarters

- April 23, Saturday, Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Community Center, tires can also be dropped off, but there will be an associated fee
- April 6, Wednesday, League of Women Voters of Athens County presentation, Focus on Homelessness, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Community Center, Meeting Room A
- Pete the Cat artwork has arrived in the City Building as part of his journey throughout the City to raise recognition for Beacon School

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-38-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Risner moved for Adoption; Papai seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-13-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT OF A SALT TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

0-39-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF TWO SEWER TRUCKS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO REPLACE THE TWO VEHICLES.

0-40-16

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF MILL STREET ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016, BETWEEN N. MCKINLEY AVENUE AND SOUTH GREEN DRIVE, FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE CHALLENGE. Papai moved for Suspension of the Rules; Butler seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Papai moved for Adoption; Butler seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-43-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2016 RAPID WATERLINE REPLACEMENT (PROJECT #303).

0-44-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS APPLICANT AND, GRANTEE IF FUNDED, FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT, OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY (ODSA) FOR THE 2016-2018 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-45-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATORY LPA/STATE AGREEMENT FOR BRIDGE DECK RESURFACING AND "CITY OF ATHENS" SIGNS AND SIGN INSTALLATION ON ATHENS STATE ROUTE 682; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Papai moved for Suspension of the Rules; Butler seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Papai moved for Adoption; Butler seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-46-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 120-15, AND ORDINANCE 83-15, AUTHORIZING RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF A BIKE PATH FROM ARMITAGE TO COLUMBUS ROAD, PROJECT (#270); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-47-16

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF COURT STREET BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND CARPENTER ON SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT FOR OHIO BREW WEEK.

0-48-16

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE SECTION 13.04.10, UNNECESSARY NOISE, IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, ON JULY 23, 2016, FOR OHIO BREW WEEK.

0-49-16

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA ON SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016, DURING THE OHIO BREW WEEK EVENT.

0-50-16

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF UNION, HIGH AND WASHINGTON STREETS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016, FOR THE KING MIDGET HIGH STREET CHALLENGE.

0-51-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS, WHERE NECESSARY, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RECYCLING CARTS. Discussion: Butler feels this is a good investment toward promoting the City's recycling efforts.

Papai supports the grant, however, she would like a fuller discussion on different container options since the larger cart size and storage are issues.

Fahl agrees, the 64-gallon carts are too large for many of her constituents; she would also like to see some options as part of this grant and City match expenditure.

Risner is in favor of the 64-gallon cart, understanding that the much smaller red recycling bins currently in use can continue to be placed curbside.

Butler sees benefit for the wheeled 64-gallon carts with fixed lids.

Cochran noted that this is the next step in the process that came out of an ad hoc committee from a year ago, recommending the move toward uniform receptacles, both for trash and recycling.

McGee is concerned with the cost; the City's match is too high.

Mayor understands Council's concerns, but feels this is a step in the right direction. He sees the better design and uniform carts as a benefit to our community and our environment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Cochran moved to appoint Andrew Ladd to the Environment & Sustainability Commission; Fahl seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

Cochran moved to appoint Aaron Thomas to serve as an Alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals; Butler seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

Cochran moved to appoint David McNelly to serve on the Commission on Disabilities; Papai seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

The Finance & Personnel Committee will meet next Wednesday, April 13, at noon, March 28th, and next Monday at 7:00 p.m., the Transportation Committee will be meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON LEGISLATIVE ITEMS AND CITY SERVICES NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA:

Cindy Parker expressed continued concern about the controversial Number Fest event and associated safety issues. Repeated concerns go unanswered due to jurisdictional boundaries, while this event continues to grow and become more out of control each year.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting; Papai seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Acting Clerk of Council