

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Risner moved approval of the Regular Session of City Council held April 4, 2016; Fahl seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member Papai shared that the International Street Fair was a success at its new location.

She also thanked all of the volunteers who helped with Beautification Day.

Council Member McGee is in receipt of 50+ emails from students and citizens who would like to have a policy that would allow for an Airbnb system.

It was also pointed out to him that the trash cans by Baker Center have lids on them that could be easily attached to our current trash cans in the uptown area. This could possibly save the City the expense of purchasing a new trash/recycling compaction system.

Papai pointed out that the City's trash receptacles did come with lids, but they were removed because it was difficult for the solid waste employees to empty them.

Council Member Butler has also received many emails in support of legislation to permit an Airbnb system.

He is in receipt of a letter from Bruce Underwood, Executive Director of the Athens-Hocking Recycling Centers, Inc., in support of the use of standardized 64-gallon, rolling recycling carts for City of Athens residents. These carts have been well received by the vast majority of their customers, citing the increased volume.

Butler has viewed the mural at Arts West painted on Beautification Day, and finds it delightful.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson reported the following:

- International Street Fair's new location seems to have worked well.
- 2015 Officer of the Year Award – the Mayor introduced Police Chief Pyle to present the recipient. Chief Pyle explained that this is a peer vote, given to the officer who best exemplifies the department's values of honesty, integrity, respect, dedication, courage and safety, and who best represents the department's mission to protect the public trust by maintaining order. Officer Destry Flick has been chosen from among his peers as the 2015 Officer of the Year.
- Pool Update: the pool liner patched by a roofing company appears to be a success. The next phase is to completely drain the pool and fill it with chlorinated water. Also, the company attempted to partially repair the liner in the baby pool, however, that liner was worn so thin that the test patch did not appear to have enough integrity with the original liner to resolve that issue. The City will analyze how much leakage there is in the baby pool, hoping it will be negligible. The Mayor is also hopeful that the 40-year old pumps will continue to work this season. He added, the Administration is currently reviewing the nine (9) companies that have submitted RFQ's for design and construction of the new pool, two (2) completely in-house and the remaining seven (7) would subcontract.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-13-16

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

Papai moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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. Papai moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-43-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2016 RAPID WATERLINE REPLACEMENT (PROJECT #303). Butler moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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). Butler moved for Adoption; Papai seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

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. 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.

0-47-16

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: Andrea Reany, Rural Action, Zero Waste Program Manager, believes these curbside residential and uniform recycling carts have a lot of value and potential for waste reduction in an innovative way. The larger carts increase participation, up to 400-500 lbs. per year per household; the recycling program can only grow as much as the size of the cart, noting that smaller size carts are not as advantageous in the long-run. These carts will save the City money through a reduction in the landfill tipping fees by diverting more recyclables away from the waste stream. Another large advantage to this is the savings in Worker's Compensation claims. Rural Action believes this is a really great step for the City to take and is dedicated to making this process work.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-52-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 126-15; AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF AN ADA CHAIR LIFT IN THE CITY BUILDING (PROJECT #299); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Butler moved for Suspension of the Rules; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Butler moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-53-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT OF A TRACTOR MOWER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, PARKS & RECREATION.

0-54-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Discussion: Butler commented, that if grant funding is approved, the City will be using these dollars for an accessible trail at the Dowler property recreational area.

Mayor shared that this will be the first major nature trail that is ADA accessible in the City, and third in the County.

0-55-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT OF A VAN FOR ATHENS COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Risner moved to accept the Auditor's March, 2016, Financial Reports; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

The following committees will meet next Monday, April 25th:

- City & Safety Services
- Transportation: Boogie on the Bricks (location) and West Union Pedestrian area
- Planning & Development

Risner announced a Finance & Personnel Committee meeting to be held at noon on Wednesday, April 27th.

President Knisely noted that this is Spring Clean-up week in the City, as well as the Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday at the Community Center from 9:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Cindy Parker, State Route 56, spoke regarding Number Fest. She noted that the crowd didn't seem nearly as rowdy or chaotic this year. It appeared to be a much safer event than past years, and she appreciates that.

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council