

MINUTES MAY 23, 2016

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair
Chris Fahl, Vice-Chair
Kent Butler, Member

Other Council Members: Jennifer Cochran
Peter Kotses
Patrick McGee
Michele Papai

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Horan Moseley

Items Discussed:

- First Presbyterian Church (lease agreement for parking)
 - Mayor – agreement costs continue to increase
 - S-S Director – parking is necessary for police cruisers
 - Risner – asked if it would be possible for the police to park on the street
 - S-S Director – understands that has been tried and was not a functional working alternative – this agreement provides for a 2% annual increase over the next three years, which is lower than the expiring agreement of 3%
 - Risner – Year 1: \$46,591; Year 2: \$47,523; and Year 3: \$48,473
 - S-S Director – offered that the Church has no interest in selling the lot
 - McGee – asked about how many police cars are in active use at any given time – possibly some could be parked in the Parking Garage in a space where they could be immediately accessible, or on the street outside APD
 - S-S Director – she will check with the Police Chief
 - Mayor – Chief Pyle shared that cruisers in the Parking Garage tend to get vandalized

- Staffing (amend 0-71-16)
 - S-S Director – due to a pending retirement in APD, need to include an additional lieutenant’s position (from 5 to 6) with a sunset of December 31st in order to allow cross-training

- Stimson Mural
 - Mayor – Athens Municipal Arts Commission has recommended that this mural be replaced with new art

 - Papai – the present mural has met its useful life after about 15 years – need to include the graffiti finish product to protect the art work

- Appropriations
 - S-S Director – need to authorize capital funding in the amount of (\$50,000) to cover the Kimes bypass repair, and the wellfield raw water line rehabilitation

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. First Presbyterian Lease
2. Mural
3. Appropriations

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

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Items Discussed:

- Lot Split (East State/Hudson)
 - Fahl – this is a recommendation from the City Planning Commission to allow a lot split for property located at 329 East State Street and 11 Hudson Avenue (Lot 660), with the following variances:
 - 329 E. State Street: a variance from Section 21.03.02 for a side yard setback of 2', where 10'/15' is the minimum; and
 - 11 Hudson Avenue: a variance from Section 21.03.02 for a side yard setback of 7', where 10'/15' is the minimum; and for a rear setback of 2', where 10' is the minimum
- Revocable License (Time Warner Cable)
 - Fahl – the company needs to place power supply cabinets on the City right-of-way
- Sludge Disposal (land exchange)
 - Butler – this is the City's 80-acre field where we spread bio-solids – according to the farmers the soil is now too rich, and should consider using other fields – City would acquire a 140-acre tract of land that is in the floodway, not buildable, and this would be a good use of that land – the City would give up 24 acres – would be an equitable swap – farmers can then use this land to grow crops, products not for human consumption – if this swap does not happen, the City may need to send its sludge to the landfill, not a wise option

-Mayor – such ground application has been happening for a number of years – the 80-acre field, by EPA standards, is too rich – to haul to landfill would be very expensive – this land exchange would allow the City time to rotate across the fields – this would be an equitable trade – good long-term solution, is cost effective, and falls within the EPA guidelines

-Fahl – this land is outside the corporate limits, but within the City's 3-mile planning jurisdiction

-Papai – questioned advantage to landholder to do this

-S-S Director – gains 24 acres of developable property with Route 50 frontage

-Cochran – asked for clarification on the map legend (see attached)

-Mayor – the gray shaded area (24-acre exchange) and the adjacent green shaded area with striping is the City's current 80 acres – the hexagons is the property the City would be receiving – the plus signs is held by JBH Investments, but is not part of the exchange – easement to the land will be needed

-Butler – clarified that the City does not own the mineral rights on the 80 acres

-S-S Director – City Council will need to approve the exchange once the legal documents are prepared

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Lot Split
2. Revocable License

MINUTES TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE JUNE 13, 2016

Members in Attendance: Michele Papai, Chair
Jennifer Cochran, Vice-Chair
Peter Kotses, Member

Other Council Members: Kent Butler
Chris Fahl
Patrick McGee
Jeff Risner

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Traffic Signal (project #306)
 - Papai – this is a traffic signal replacement at the intersection of West State and Lancaster – replacement cost will be (\$95,000) – would like completion prior to the beginning of the Athens City School calendar in August

 - Mayor – this project includes both engineering and construction

- Parking Garage (renovations)
 - S-S Director – project has cost overruns – anticipate close-out of the project late summer – estimate \$55,000-\$100,000 – anticipates paying out of existing operating funds

- Jobs Ohio Grant (McKinley extension, project #302)
 - Papai – grant amount is \$300,000 – will need to authorize an LPA agreement – asked if a letter has been forthcoming from Ohio University regarding their commitment

 - S-S Director – Board of Trustees will vote on it later next week

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1. Traffic Signal