

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: PUBLIC HEARING, MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (SMALL CITIES- 2<sup>ND</sup> HEARING).**

Council Members in Attendance: Butler, Cochran, Fahl, Kotses, McGee, Papai, and Risner.

Also Present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, and Service-Safety Director Horan Moseley.

Attendance by the Public: (see attached list)

President Knisely opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Allocation Program, noting that the City Administration proposed three potential projects at the first public hearing held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, including a sidewalk extension to improve the walkability on West Union Street where there are currently no sidewalks, the repaving of Jefferson Avenue, and improvements to the Kimes Reservoir (a much larger project). According to City Engineer and Public Works Director Andy Stone, the CDBG program is better suited to a smaller project. The City's preference is to move forward with construction of new sidewalks on West Union Street.

The Service-Safety Director indicated that this project aligns with the City's Pedestrian Master Plan, and there have been requests for a number of years to provide better connectivity in that portion of the City.

Papai agrees that this is an excellent area to expand and improve access.

Mayor Patterson commented that this will be a much needed improvement to the West Union Street corridor.

Butler noted that this project is an important addition to the City's infrastructure.

Hearing no further comments from those in attendance, the public hearing adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

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Chris Knisely  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

# MINUTES

## JUNE 13, 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:

- Budget Appropriations
  - S-S Director – the Auditor requested these appropriations to ensure adequate fund lines as the City moves forward with the new Non-Union compensation plan, effective July 1, emphasizing that the funds are in place, just need to be appropriated
  
  - Mayor – an additional possible appropriation may be necessary for the demolition of a house on Dalton (\$25,000)
  
  - President – asked whether the City will recover the cost through property taxes
  - Mayor – yes, the cost will be assessed
  
  - Risner – asked if anything is salvageable
  - Mayor – no
  
  - S-S Director – demolition is needed for safety reasons and neighborhood degradation
  
  - Risner – received an appropriation request from the Deputy Auditor this afternoon for \$31,000 to Water Fund with a transfer to the Water Debt Fund to make the debt payment due on July 1st
  
- A/C Recharge Unit Disposal and Trade-In
  - S-S Director – this AC unit is used on vehicles – it is a recharge device used by the City mechanics than needs replaced – disposal of the old unit will be used as a trade-in on the replacement

- Cemetery Fencing
  - S-S Director – will be evaluated – will review what can be done in-house, and may need to seek quotes

**ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Appropriations/Transfers
2. A/C Recharge Unit

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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

Other Council Members: Kent Butler  
Jennifer Cochran  
Peter Kotses  
Michele Papai

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**Items Discussed:**

- Performance Bond (Code Amend)
  - Fahl – this is a Planning Commission recommendation – this amendment removes the two year period for release of the maintenance bond – also, the developer may utilize one instrument for both the performance bond and maintenance bond that automatically reduces from 110% to 10% -- this change is more in line with other municipalities
  - Risner – if 10% is sufficient, and with the Law Director’s review, he has no problem with it
  - Mayor – clarified that the 10% bond will be in place once the improvements have been accepted by the City, in accordance with the timeline and provisions set forth in ACC 21.08.09
  - Cochran – is understanding that this will make it easier for contractors to secure a maintenance bond, but still provides adequate protection to the City
  - Mayor – that is correct
- Laurels Property (lot split)
  - S-S Director – City is requiring an easement to provide road frontage to access flood and drainage controls – this split is part of a HUD refinancing (refinancing is not permissible for the property parcel located in the

B-zone) – will come before the City Planning Commission on Thursday and, if approved, would like City Council approval prior to recess

**ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Performance Bond
2. Lot Split

# 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

Administrators and/or  
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely  
Mayor Patterson  
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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) – requested 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 and roundabout, project #302)
  - Papai – road development grant amount is \$300,000 – Athens Mold and Machine manufacturing will be hiring new employees within the Athens community, project will provide improved site access, and the extension is needed for safe truck traffic – 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
- Athens Transit Mobility Management Services
  - Lantz Repp, Athens Transit Mobility Manager (a division of HAPCAP) – position is funded through an ODOT grant and has been ongoing since 2010 – application for funding is due August 1<sup>st</sup> – Athens supports the program with a \$5000 annual commitment as part of the 20% match – no

commitment was needed in 2015 – requested the City increase its commitment this year to \$7500 – the program operates on a very tight budget – doesn't provide any dollars for educational promotion, outreach expenses

-President – program has steadily grown through the Mobility Manager position

-Mayor – appreciates Athens On Demand – this transportation is invaluable to our community

- JPAC BBQ

-S-S Director – JPAC is rethinking this event

-Mayor – this is a valuable event with high impact, but annual cost to City and Ohio University is not currently sustainable

- Athens Enhancement Street Designs

-Papai – asked whether the on-street designs at the West Union Street mini-roundabout will be repainted this summer, and improvements to landscaping of the area

-Mayor – will look into that – crosswalk markings have worn off – a glazing top coat will be added when repainted

**ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Traffic Signal
2. LPA Agreement (McKinley Extension)