

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Clodfelter, Crowl, Fahl, Grace, Kotses, Risner, and Smedley.

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

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

Fahl moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held January 6, 2020; Risner seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**AUDITOR HECHT** explained the City's "Proprietary Funds" (see attached).

Risner asked if debt service payments are included as part of an enterprise fund.

Auditor Hecht responded, "yes." She added, these funds are audited separately.

**MAYOR PATTERSON** reported on the following:

- Provided Council with a list of 2020 event dates, some requiring street closures, submitted to him by Deputy Service-Safety Director Andrew Chiki.
- Richland Avenue Pedestrian Passageway detour heading north on Richland toward the uptown area will be routed to South Shafer to West Union to Court.

President Knisely asked if ODOT might consider signage on the highway for major events.

The Mayor will speak with Engineering and Public Works Director Heady about the possibility for highway signage indicating alternate routes.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

**0-01-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN SOURCEWELL, A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

**0-02-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UNNEEDED OR OBSOLETE MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BY INTERNET AUCTION. Discussion: Crowl clarified that City Council will continue the requirement to approve items that may sell for \$1000 or higher.

**0-03-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO BORROW UP TO (\$500,000.00) TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules to meet a 30-day substantial savings quote offered by Finley Fire Equipment last year; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-04-20**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING A NEW FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules to enable the bonds to be issued in early February; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-05-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 118-19; AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FINLEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO., INC., TO PURCHASE A FIRE PUMPER TRUCK. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to ensure that all financial obligations are met; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Discussion: Kotses asked if Ohio University is continuing its support.

Mayor Patterson believes the City is in year three of our second 5-year commitment of \$50,000 annually from Ohio University. He anticipates that it will continue.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-06-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules to pay our bills in a timely manner; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crowl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Discussion: Grace recalls a question last week related to Sandlot's participation in ballfield upgrades and asked if the Mayor had any further information on that.

Mayor Patterson noted that a meeting has been scheduled with Sandlot. President Knisely is aware that Sandlot made significant improvements to the ballfields in the past with their own funds.

Grace is comfortable with the City paying for these repairs, but would like follow up information on any Sandlot contributions.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-07-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crawl moved for Suspension of the Rules to pay this prior year expense; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crawl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-08-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 131-19, 2020 STAFFING LEVELS.

**0-09-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 52-19; GRANTING AN ENHANCED ACCESS EASEMENT TO ALLOW UTILITIES TO PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO HOPE DRIVE.

**0-10-20**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT TO OHIO UNIVERSITY, OWNER, 338 WEST STATE STREET, TO ALLOW A GROUND MOUNTED SIGN.

**0-11-20**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT TO OHIO UNIVERSITY TO ALLOW A HISTORICAL MARKER ON MULBERRY STREET NEAR BAKER CENTER AND JUNCTION WITH SOUTH COURT STREET.

**0-12-20**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT TO HARRY LEVINE, OWNER, 40 HOOPER STREET, FOR LAWN PURPOSES, TO MEET LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EXISTING HISTORIC STRUCTURE.

**0-13-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SOFTENING SALT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

**0-14-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

**0-15-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**0-16-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VACUUM TRUCK FOR THE ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**0-17-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WATER VALVE EXERCISING EQUIPMENT.

**0-18-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, GRANT STREET PROJECT (#331).

**0-19-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, GRANT STREET PROJECT (#331).

**0-20-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A BRIDGE PAINTING PROJECT WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON STATE ROUTE 50 (PID 79207); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ONE-READING RESOLUTION:**

**R-01-20**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BIPARTISAN OHIO FAIRNESS ACT. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Discussion: Delfin Bautista, Milliron Street, pointed out that the City endorsed a similar Resolution on Marriage Equality in 2015.

Dominic Detwiler, Equality Ohio, thanked City Council for its support. This Bill is an important first step in ensuring equality for LGBTQ Ohioans, noting that Athens County has long been a leader in this area.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:**

Crowl announced a standing meeting of the Auditor, Mayor, and Finance Committee members each Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room in the City Building.

President Knisely announced a Farmers Market public forum on Thursday, January 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. There is a design illustration on the homepage of the City's website.

Kotses pointed out that this is not a two-hour meeting, but is a window to come and engage as you can.

Fahl moved to Accept the December, 2019, Credit Card Transactions; Crowl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Fahl moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint John Golzy to the Board of Zoning Appeals for an additional 3-year term; Kotses seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

Smedley moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Berry Dilley to the Disabilities Commission for a term that will expire December 31, 2021; Crowl seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

Risner moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Ann Judy, Kelly Lawrence, and Scott Winland to the Athens Municipal Arts Commission to serve two-year terms expiring on December 31, 2021; Fahl seconded. The reappointments were approved unanimously.

Grace moved the reappointment of Nicholas Bittner to the Housing Appeals Board; Crowl seconded.

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Fahl moved to Adjourn the meeting; Grace seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council