

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

Athens City Council met in Special Session at the above hour with the following members present: Crawl, Fahl, Grace, Kotses, McGee, and Risner.

Also present: President Pro Tem Butler, Acting Mayor Knisely, Law Director Eliason, and Auditor Hecht.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-03-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE PAINTING ON US 50; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-04-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LANDSLIDE REPAIR ON US 50; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-05-18

AN ORDINANCE TO ENSURE LOCAL MATCH FUNDS FOR THE MOBILITY MANAGER GRANT.

0-06-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE BUSES AND A TRUCK FOR THE ATHENS TRANSIT SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-07-18

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE SOPEC ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-09-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 9, GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 9.06, INTOXICATING LIQUORS; NARCOTICS, SECTION 9.06.12, HALLUCINOGEN; POSSESSION OR USE UNLAWFUL, AND SECTION 9.06.15, DRUG ABUSE.

0-10-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

0-11-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-12-18

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

0-13-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BACKHOE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS (EPW), AND DISPOSAL OF THE CURRENT BACKHOE AS A TRADE-IN.

0-14-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN OPT-OUT RETAIL SOLAR COMMUNITY PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF ATHENS THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (SOPEC), CHARGE SOPEC RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY AN ELECTRIC CARBON FEE, DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ATHENS COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Discussion: Risner moved to amend to remove the word "retail" as it appears before the word solar, and change the name of the program from Solar Community to Community Solar; Fahl seconded. Discussion: Eddie Smith, Executive Director of SOPEC, explained that the word "retail" is a term used in the electric industry that refers to all customers in the City, both residential and small commercial, that are eligible to purchase energy in the retail market.

Amendment was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:

0-15-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND TRANSFER. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to cover the January debt fund payment; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Crawl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Kotses is in receipt of a communication from EPW clarifying that the Clean Ohio Trails Grant, recently adopted by City Council, to be used for the Columbus Road Bikespur Trailhead is not the correct funding source, so the Council is being asked to approve legislation on February 5, to submit an application with the Recreational Trails Program.

Risner moved to Remove Ordinance 08-18 from the Table; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

0-08-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ATHENS CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH TITLE 49, INITIATIVE PETITIONS.

Risner moved to Amend to include the secured certified documents; Fahl seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously.

The Special Session of City Council adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

President Pro Tem of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council