

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair
Peter Kotses, Vice-Chair
Chris Fahl

Other Council Members: Samuel Crowl
Sarah Grace
Patrick McGee
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Commission on Disabilities (2017 year-end report)
 - Lara Edge, Chair, Athens City Commission on Disabilities (ACCD) – presented 2017 Year-End Report (see attached)

 - Noah Trembly, Treasurer of ACCD – presented findings on the City Building’s accessibility

 - President – asked about a complete list of City Building accessibility items
 - McNelly, Vice Chair of ACCD – full, detailed report should be completed within next 2-3 weeks

 - Christy Hysell – CatCab door cannot open due to curbs that are too high – hopes that can be corrected

 - Mayor – a number of items in the report are easy fixes, i.e. changing out door knobs

 - Crowl – asked whether accessibility compliance is part of construction projects
 - Mayor – yes, City is diligent with its projects

 - McNelly – problems with accessibility can be easily avoided with foresight

 - Edge – if those in charge of City projects could reach out to the Commission it would be very helpful – motivation & creativity on the front end is important

- Athens Beautification Day (Alisa Hill)
 - Butler – this year’s event will take place on Sunday, April 22nd
 - Alisa Hill, Vice President of the Community Service Leadership Council (CSLC) – is her first year directing Athens Beautification Day – (see attached presentation)
 - Fahl – asked if students are available for all day projects
 - Hill – yes
 - Crowl – pointed out that April 22nd is Earth Day
- Municipal Pool (donations)
 - Mayor – \$50,000-\$60,000 of items were removed – donations would be used for items pulled from the engineering specs such as decorative fencing, entrance gate, walkway – these items will add aesthetic value – legislation is needed to accept and authorize the receipt of donations for the new municipal pool
 - Kotses – asked if these are tax deductible donations
 - Mayor – yes
 - Auditor – will deposit and appropriate any donations made into the Recreation Fund
 - Crowl – are donations specified?
 - Mayor – upon request, can be done via documentation
 - President – asked about accountancy for special requests
 - Mayor – his office will track
- CHIP Partnership Agreement
 - Butler – City is eligible for approximately \$350,000 – legislation is needed to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Athens County Commissioners as applicant and grantee, if funded to receive a grant for the Program Year 2018 Community Housing and Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Pool Donations
2. CHIP Partnership

MINUTES
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair
Kent Butler, Vice-Chair
Samuel Crawl, Member

Other Council Members: Chris Fahl
Sarah Grace
Peter Kotses
Patrick McGee

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Appropriations
Mayor – appropriating the following amounts from the unappropriated balance: (\$10,000.00) to the Transportation Fund for February and March fare box revenue; (\$34,000.00) to the Parking Garage Fund for the Athens Photographic Project; and (\$9,000.00) to the Garbage Fund for a gum removal machine – decreasing the following appropriations: General Fund, Police, Personnel Services, by (\$200,000.00); Clerks Computer Fund, by (\$4,000.00); Recreation Fund, Supplies, by (\$10,000.00); Recreation Fund, Capital Outlay, by (\$200,000.00); Community Center Fund, Capital Outlay, by (\$55,000.00); and Unclaimed Funds, (\$4,000.00) – authorizing the Auditor to make an Interfund Transfer from the Water Fund to the Water Debt Fund in the amount of \$387,500.00

-Risner – Community Center will need a new roof soon
-President – suggested using solar on a new roof
-Mayor – is looking into that

-Risner – asked how much debt is in the Water Fund?
-Auditor – borrowed for design on a one-year note, owe \$270,000 – OWDA loans are on amortization schedules, pay \$75,000 annually – notes are held by a local institution with low interest rates

- Income Tax
 - Auditor – (see attached update) – will bring legislation forward if stay is not granted – concerned that City won't know what is being collected and will have no access to returns – there will be no City oversight
 - Mayor – asked about administrative fee
 - Auditor – it is a half percent

 - Fahl – concerned online portal will not be efficient
 - Auditor – shares that concern – also, noted that the City will receive a payment from the State every 30 days – cash flow could be problematic

 - President – value in proceeding with lawsuit

- Staffing (amend)
 - Risner – amend Section I of Ordinance 151-17, to include the current pay grades and wage scale

- Non-Union Benefits (amend)
 - Risner – amend Section 20, Promotion, of the Non-Union Benefits Ordinance, 0-152-17, to allow the appointing authority to request City Council to pay a promoted employee 10% higher than his/her current rate – amend Section 21, Compensation, to include pay grades 1 through 12 – amend Section 21(A) to remove ~~with the exception of the Service Safety Director~~, and change pay grades from ~~1 through 14~~ to 1 through 12.

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Appropriations
2. Income Tax
3. Staffing
4. Non-Union Benefits

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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Patrick McGee, Vice-Chair
Samuel Crowl, Member
Sarah Grace, Member

Other Council Members: Kent Butler
Chris Fahl
Jeff Risner

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Vending
 - McGee – this is a work in progress – (see attached summary) – currently have (4) vending spaces and (6) public parking spaces on Union Street – phase I amendments would be for Union Street vending only
 - Risner – asked for the Administration’s view on new proposed changes
 - Mayor – would like to reach out to others, businesses and property owners, before allowing vending outside of Union
 - Butler – agrees that input from members of the community is needed before expanding to streets outside of Union – intrigued with the idea of vending at West State Park
 - Grace – opening vending in other areas of the City is an interesting idea and worth reviewing
 - Kotses – a standard size food truck will not fit within our current parking spaces
 - Mayor – is willing to review and revisit dimensions of our spaces
 - Risner – expanding spaces will accommodate fewer vendors
 - Kotses – just talking about a foot per space
 - Damon Krane, vendor – a lot he likes about the proposal – there is room to improve the current vending code – opening vending in other areas would be

good for the public – Mill Street would have less of an impact on other businesses

-Mayor – pointed out that businesses can authorize vending on private property, with property owners consent