

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020,  
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

Risner moved approval of the City Council minutes for the Regular Session held February 17, 2020; Fahl seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Council Member Crawl** announced the Environment & Sustainability Commission will be meeting this Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Front Conference Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the City Building.

**Council Member Clodfelter** announced she will be hosting her second "City Council Chat" at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Village Bakery. She welcomes any ideas, concerns, or questions from the community at large.

**Council Member Kotses** announced that the next Athens City School Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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

**Mayor Patterson** announced the following:

- Press Release from the Athens City-County Health Department with an update on preparedness plans and policies, and personal protection steps regarding the COVID-19 outbreak (see attached). This information is posted on the City's Website.
- He will be attending the upcoming National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC, and the Mayor's Partnership for Progress, Legislative Day in Columbus, to speak with Governor DeWine.

## **ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:**

### **0-08-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 131-19, 2020 STAFFING LEVELS. Crowl moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

### **0-21-20**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING CERTAIN STREETS IN THE UPTOWN AREA FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR, CRUISE-INS, BREW WEEK AND BOUNTY ON THE BRICKS. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

### **0-22-20**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA DURING THE OHIO BREW WEEK EVENTS AND THE BOUNTY ON THE BRICKS FUNDRAISER. Kotses moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

### **0-23-20**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE SECTION 13.04.10, UNNECESSARY NOISE, IN THE UPTOWN AREA, ON SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020; AND SATURDAY JULY 18, 2020, FOR OHIO BREW WEEK. Kotses moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

### **0-24-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A RESURFACING PROJECT WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON US 33 AND US 50 (PID 84579); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

### **0-25-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CLOSED-CIRCUIT SEWER TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Grace moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

### **0-28-20**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING CERTAIN STREETS IN UPTOWN ATHENS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, AND SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020, FOR THE BRICK CYCLING EVENT.

### **0-29-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-19 TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RICHLAND AVENUE PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY PROJECT (#311).

### **0-30-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH IPS GROUP, INC. (IPS) TO PROVIDE PARKING TECHNOLOGY AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF PARKING SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **0-31-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 104-18; AUTHORIZING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DEWATERING PROJECT (#320).

### **0-32-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 28-19; AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE STIMSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#315).

## **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

### **0-34-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT BOILER HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER.  
Discussion: Risner questioned the disposal method for the boiler being replaced. There might be parts that are salvageable.

Mayor Patterson will check into the planned disposal and report back.

### **0-35-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **0-36-20**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FROM HORIZON TELCOM, INC. FOR USE OF THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**0-37-20**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND CONGRESS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. FOR THE ATHENS COMMUNITY ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL.

**0-38-20**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE SECTION 13.04.10, UNNECESSARY NOISE, ON UNION STREET AND CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY TO UNION STREET, ON AUGUST 15, 2020, FOR ATHENS COMMUNITY ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL.

**0-39-20**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020, DURING THE ATHENS ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL.

**0-40-20**

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 RECONSTRUCTION OF STIMSON AVENUE BETWEEN STATE AND GRANT STREETS, PROJECT (#315).

**0-41-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

**0-42-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 27-20; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CREATIVE MICROSYSTEMS, INC. (CMI) TO UPGRADE SOFTWARE USED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS.

**0-43-20**

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A PLAN FOR INTERIM SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR DUE TO MILITARY DEPLOYMENT OF THE CURRENT SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR.

**0-44-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 131-19, STAFFING LEVELS.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:**

Risner moved to Accept the Auditor's December, 2019, and January, 2020, Financial Reports; Fahl seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Crowl moved to Accept the January, 2020, Credit Card Transactions; Grace seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Patterson has received several voice mails from a concerned citizen about the tattered American flag that appears to be flying at half-mast on the cell tower near the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City has spoken with the owner, Verizon/American Tower, and has been told that the hoisting mechanism is inoperable. Under City Code Title 43, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, Verizon/American Tower has been issued a notice of violation. The City would like to take over a level of control with regard to this flag.

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Fahl moved to Adjourn the meeting; Crowl seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council