

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

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

APPOINT ACTING CLERK:

Fahl moved to appoint Councilman Butler to serve as Acting Clerk for this session of Council; Risner seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of Council held February 19, 2018; Kotses seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Knisely acknowledged a communication from a local business person about the proposed vending sites.

Council Member Risner shared that he has received comments of appreciation that the potholes are being addressed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson reported the following:

- Lane closure tomorrow, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., westbound on West State Street between North Lancaster and Shafer for a sewer lateral repair at ARTS/West.
- Smoke Detectors – City of Athens Fire Department has partnered with the local Lowe's to give away a number of free detectors beginning Monday, March 12, through Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Fire Headquarters on Columbus Road and Fire Station 2 on Richland Avenue.
- Columbus Bike Path Spur – river erosion of the bank near the bike path approaching the bridge will need repairs – will likely take place in April.
- Street Sweeping will begin next week in the high density areas.

- Athens Beautification Day will be held on Sunday, April 22, with Citywide Spring Cleanup during the week of Monday, April 23, through Friday, April 27.
- March is Developmental Disabilities month – shared a letter from an autistic individual living in Michigan along with a sketched picture of a good luck fairy wearing the City of Athens flag on her shirt.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-02-18

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING EAST UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND UNIVERSITY TERRACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-16-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ADDRESS NON-POINT SOURCE STORMWATER POLLUTION GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND, IF AWARDED, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EPA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Butler moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-20-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY PROJECT ON US 33; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-21-18

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF COURT STREET BETWEEN UNION AND WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT FOR THE “BOUNTY ON THE BRICKS” FUNDRAISER.

0-22-18

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA ON AUGUST 4, 2018, DURING THE “BOUNTY ON THE BRICKS” FUNDRAISER.

0-23-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE STIMSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#315).

0-24-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AMENDING ORDINANCE 153-17, AUTHORIZING ARTS/WEST RENOVATIONS PROJECT (#314); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-25-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

0-26-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE A NEW DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS AT A PAY RATE OF 35% THROUGH THE ASSIGNED PAY GRADE.

0-27-18

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN ELECTRIC LINE EASEMENT WITH THE OHIO POWER COMPANY (AEP) TO BE LOCATED NEAR EAST PARK DRIVE AT THE MUNICIPAL POOL SITE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-28-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) IN ORDER TO ACCEPT NOPEC ENERGIZED COMMUNITY (NEC) GRANT(S); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-29-18

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-30-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS APPLICANT AND GRANTEE, IF FUNDED, FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY (ODSA) FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2018 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP).

0-31-18

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE RECEIPT OF DONATIONS TO THE NEW MUNICIPAL POOL.

0-32-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

0-33-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 151-17 TO INCLUDE THE CURRENT PAY GRADES AND WAGE SCALE.

0-34-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 152-17; SECTIONS 20 AND 21, OF THE FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR NON-UNION PERSONNEL.

0-35-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 PART-TIME AND SEASONAL STAFFING LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 0-151-17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Butler moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Brown to the Arts, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Risner seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Patterson acknowledged that long-time Board Members, former Mayor Ric Abel and Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Paige Alost, are retiring from the Board, both were deeply involved in guiding the recent Arts, Parks & Recreation levy.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Fahl moved to adjourn the meeting; Risner seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Acting Clerk of Council