

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020,
7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in Special Session at the above hour with the following members present: Clodfelter, Crowl, Fahl and Kotses. Due to concerns with the coronavirus pandemic (COVID -19) the following members joined the meeting via video teleconference: Grace, Risner and Smedley.

Also present: President Knisely. Mayor Patterson also joined the meeting via video teleconference.

President Knisely announced that questions/comments from the public can be emailed to askquestion@ci.athens.oh.us. Such questions/comments should be limited to items on tonight's Agenda.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-32-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 28-19; AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE STIMSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#315). Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved by a 3-0-1 vote, with Kotses abstaining.

0-34-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT BOILER HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER. Fahl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Discussion: Clodfelter is pleased that the Community Center will have a much more efficient boiler system, one that will lower the monthly heating cost as well as reduce carbon emissions.

0-35-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fahl moved for Adoption; Kotses seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote. (An emergency clause requires five votes to go into effect, so it will be removed.)

0-36-20

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FROM HORIZON TELCOM, INC. FOR USE OF THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY. Fahl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

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. Kotses moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote. Discussion: Risner, via video teleconference, asked about the mechanism for the City canceling the event should the coronavirus pandemic continue into the summer.

Mayor Patterson, via video teleconference, responded that the City will be following the guidelines of the State of Ohio and our local City-County Health Department.

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. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

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. Kotses moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

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). Crawl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded.

Discussion: Fahl pointed out that it is this type of grant that is awarded based on population. She reminded everyone of the importance of completing the 2020 Census and stressed that Ohio University students should complete the Census using their residence in Athens, as that is where they spend most of their time during the year.

Clodfelter clarified that university students are asked to complete the census as if they are still at their university campus, like they would have been on April 1st had their university not been closed.

Adoption was approved by a 3-0-1 vote, with Kotses abstaining.

0-41-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

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. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

0-43-20

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A PLAN FOR INTERIM SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR DUE TO MILITARY DEPLOYMENT OF THE CURRENT SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR. Crowl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

0-44-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 131-19, STAFFING LEVELS. Crowl moved for Adoption; Kotses seconded. Adoption was approved by a 4-0 vote.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-45-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ATHENS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF LUHRIG ROAD (TOWNSHIP ROAD 242).

0-46-20

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FROM LE-AX REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY.

0-47-20

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT TO NEW CARPENTER HALL, LLC, 19 EAST CARPENTER STREET.

0-48-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ALLOCATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2020.

0-49-20

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$390,000 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO PAY PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING NEW PARKING METERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-50-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Fahl moved to Adjourn the meeting; Crowl seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council