

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019,
7:00 P.M.**

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

Also present: President Knisely and Mayor Patterson.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-26-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO PURCHASE BODY WORN CAMERAS AND TASERS FOR THE ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT. Butler moved for Adoption; Kotses seconded. Discussion: Kotses noted that the Police Chief brought this item forward in 2017 and at that time there were some issues with the cost, storage, and public records requests that could be labor intensive. He is impressed with how this technology has advanced in the interim.

McGee agrees, the cost is reasonable, it is a good service, and will reestablish police/citizen confidence in our justice system.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-27-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019. Butler moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-28-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-18; AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE STIMSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#315). McGee moved for Adoption; Butler seconded. Adoption was approved by a vote of 6/0/1; with Kotses abstaining.

0-30-19

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 WITHIN THE CORPORATION BOUNDARY ON U.S. STATE ROUTE 33 (PID 106819); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-31-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FOR AN ATHENS UPTOWN AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-32-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2019 STREET PAVING AND REPAIRS. Kotses moved to Table until a list of the streets to be paved and repaired is available; Fahl seconded. Tabling was approved unanimously.

0-33-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR INTERIOR ENHANCEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY, PROJECT #326. Kotses moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-34-19

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF COURT STREET ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7, AUGUST 9, AND SEPTEMBER 20, 2019, FOR A CRUISE-IN. Kotses moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-35-19

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND CONGRESS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR AN UPTOWN ART EVENT. Kotses moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-36-19

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 17, 2019, FOR AN UPTOWN ART EVENT. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-37-19

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 17, 2019, DURING AN UPTOWN ART EVENT. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-38-19

A ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7055 BLACKBURN ROAD NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELL SAID PROPERTY TO ANOTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded.

Discussion: Grace mentioned again that the revenue from this sale will be used by the City to further low-income affordable housing programs.

Mayor Patterson noted that he did hear back from the State about using the revenue to offer zero or low interest down payment assistance, and was told that the proceeds cannot be used in that manner. However, the revenue can be used for home and sidewalk repairs, and critical infrastructure repairs.

0-39-19

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7065 BLACKBURN ROAD NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO DONATE THE PROPERTY TO ANOTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. Risner moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded.

Discussion: Risner pointed out that this house is being donated because regulations prohibit Athens Metropolitan Housing from purchasing contiguous properties.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-40-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) FUNDING. McGee moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet the application deadline of May 31st; Grace seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. McGee moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved by a 6/0/1 vote; with Kotses abstaining.

0-41-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS.

0-42-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OUTDOOR RECREATION COUNCIL OF APPALACHIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

0-43-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

0-44-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 11, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 11.12, SHARED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.

0-45-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 1.03, CODE FEES ESTABLISHED, TO INCLUDE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH SHARED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Peter Kotses, Chair
Patrick McGee, Vice-Chair
Sam Crowl, Member

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Ohio University Involvement Fair
 - Makenzie Olaker, Assistant Director for Student Organizations, Campus Involvement Center – would like Council to consider closing a portion of Union Street between College and Court, on August 25th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, to expand the Student Involvement Fair – this Fair typically takes place on the College Green, but with more student organizations now on campus the Green can only accommodate 52% of the 540 organizations – would also like to promote local Athens opportunities – along with the street, will be using Howard Park for setup of additional tables
 - Kotses – pointed out that this closure is on Sunday of move-in weekend
 - Olaker – dormitory move-in day is on Saturday – added, Court Street will remain open from Union
 - McGee – asked if it would help to close Union all the way to University Terrace
 - Olaker – City suggested leaving University Terrace and Jeff Hill open to traffic
 - Crowl – asked about the food vendors parking along that part of Union
 - Olaker – does not want to impact their business – will plan to keep that space allocated for the vendors

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Union Street Closure

MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:00 P.M.

Council Members in Attendance: Kent Butler
Samuel Crowl
Chris Fahl
Sarah Grace
Peter Kotses
Patrick McGee
Jeff Risner

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

Item Discussed:

- Community Food Initiatives (CFI presentation)
 - Ruth Dudding, City-County Health Department – provided an overview of the 2018 Community Food Initiatives (see attached) – the City-County Health Department recently produced a community health assessment identifying that 1/5 of all residents in Athens County are food insecure, and nearly 1/3 of all children – CFI works to ensure that everyone has access to healthy local foods – CFI distributes to 50 food access partners, and the largest of these reaches about 400 individuals weekly – introduced Maryanne Martinez, the new Director, starting next week – finally, as CFI continues to provide food access needs in Athens, she requested 2019 financial support from the City – CFI uses AmeriCorps Members, one does a lot of work with the Donation Station and another with Community Gardens – both of these support the Sustainability Plan for the City of Athens, and the cost is about \$8,000.
 - McGee – asked whether there is any effort toward community orchards
 - Dudding – CFI has created a map of all fruit and nut trees that are in the community and open to the public – orchards are something they would like to do
 - Grace – expressed her appreciation for the work that CFI does
 - Kotses – asked whether the percentages mentioned earlier identifying those in Athens County as food insecure hold true, or is there an up or down trend

-Dudding – that trend is holding or getting worse, it is not improving – CFI is working on a grant to see how they can truly measure nutrient density in terms of what CFI does bring to the area being served – such data analysis will be more helpful

-Risner – asked for a definition of food insecurity

-Dudding – essentially, enough food to maintain good health

-Mayor – asked if CFI has any ventures with Ohio University

-Dudding – have a wonderful ComCorps relationship, offer support in terms of the Donation Station food and workshops on campus – they are part of the community

-Grace – pointed out that a couple of years ago Ohio ranked third in the country for the highest number of families who are food insecure, and Athens is the poorest county in the state

- Health Impact Assessment (Richland Passageway Project presentation by Jolie Brochin)

-Grace – introduced Jolie Brochin, an Ohio University student in the Honors Tutorial College, studying Environmental Studies and Urban Planning

-Jolie Brochin – presented a Health Impact Assessment, sharing her results and recommendations (see attached)

-McGee – is concerned about the health and safety of pedestrians entering this crosswalk, but remains highly skeptical of this project – asked for any thoughts to offer for Council's consideration to increase safety at the crossing prior to the building of the passageway

-Brochin – offered that better signage or signalization would be helpful

-Crowl – has received a complaint that the crosswalk is not well illuminated and asked her if she had given thought to that as well

-Brochin – agrees that it is poorly lit

-Crowl – asked if she had any data on use of the blue emergency lights, or if it simply provides a sense of safety

-Brochin – believes it provides more of a sense of safety, as a backup immediate contact

-Risner – asked if security cameras should be considered

-Brochin – would be an added safety feature, along with enhanced lighting of the passageway area

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair
Chris Fahl, Vice-Chair
Sarah Grace, Member

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- EPW Equipment Disposal
 - Butler – items to be disposed of have a value of greater than \$1000 – items include survey equipment, Kubota zero turn mowers, Ford Gravely two wheel tractors, and a 1990 Vac-truck

- Internet Auction
 - Butler – EPW would like permission to sell items no longer needed through an online auction, similar to e-Bay – this is a way to sell items that are unique and that wouldn't be of interest locally, i.e. an old municipal pool pump, but could be used by another community

 - Mayor – indicated that prior to renovation of the WTP, the City's plant operator went online to locate old parts to maintain our City's services

 - Butler – important to try to repurpose these items

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Equipment Disposal
2. Internet Auction