

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

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

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Risner moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held May 21, 2018; Fahl seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson shared the following:

- The following 2040 Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood Open Houses/Workshops have been scheduled: the Far East Side on Thursday, June 7, 11:00am to 1:00pm in Room “B” and 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Room “C” at the Community Center; and all others will be held from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm: with the Near East Side on Tuesday, June 12, at the Athens County Public Library; North Side on Thursday, June 14, at the Highland Park Pavilion; West Side on Tuesday, June 26, at ARTS/West; and the South Side is scheduled, Thursday, June 28, at the Ohio University Inn. “Take Home” meetings can also be hosted in a personal residence.
- The City received a letter from the State of Ohio General Assembly, President of the Ohio Senate Larry Obhof and our Senator, Frank Hoagland, 30th District, honoring the City of Athens for exemplary achievement for the Memorial Workers Day Memorial event held at the memorial mural wall on Court Street.
- The City of Athens and Ohio University have received the Mayor Larry W. Abernathy Award presented for excellence in town-gown relations presented at the International Town Gown Association’s 2018 Conference.
- Introduced Robert Heady, the City’s new Director of Engineering and Public Works (EPW) Department.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-66-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING.

0-67-18

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ATHENS-HOCKING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

0-68-18

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND CONGRESS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR AN UPTOWN ART EVENT.

0-69-18

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 18, 2018, FOR AN UPTOWN ART EVENT.

0-70-18

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018, DURING AN UPTOWN ART EVENT.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-72-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DEWATERING EQUIPMENT PROJECT (#320).

0-73-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ATHENS COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT.

0-74-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA FEDERAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHWEST BIKEWAY SPUR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses

moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet a June 10, ODOT schedule; Butler seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-75-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTHWEST BIKEWAY SPUR (PHASE III) PROJECT (#296).

0-76-18

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND CONGRESS ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., WELCOMING THE NATIONAL VULCAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION. Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet the scheduled event date on July 9th; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Discussion: Paige Alost, Executive Director of the Athens County Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACCVB), noted that this is the Association's 20th anniversary. Adoption was approved unanimously.

Fahl requested Alost inform the public of ACCVB's newest additions to their website.

Alost responded that new sites have been launched for Ohio's Windy 9 and Brewed on the Bikeway.

0-77-18

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 MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018, TO ACCOMMODATE THE NATIONAL VULCAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION. Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules, again, in order to meet the scheduled event date on July 9th; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously

0-78-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Crowl moved approval of the appointments of Caitlin Garrity and Jessica Dalzell, and reappointment of Elaine Goetz to the Environment & Sustainability Commission; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Grace moved to approve the appointment of Cherie Gall as a member on the Historic Preservation Commission; Fahl seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

Fahl moved approval of the following slate of members to serve on the City's newly created Affordable Housing Commission:

Sarah Grace, Athens City Council representative; Paul Logue, City Planner and Mayoral appointee; Shawna Bolin, Ohio University Planner; and Keith Andrews, Athens Metropolitan Housing, and appointees by City Council: Michele Papai, At Large; Sara Marrs-Maxfield, At Large; Noah Trembly, At Large; Jacob Mitchell, tenant representative, Susan Barga, real estate representative; Joyce Lewis, Athens Seniors representative; and Danita Sharp, financial representative; Risner seconded. Appointees were approved unanimously.

President Knisely announced a Special Session of Council next Monday following the Committee meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Fahl moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, and invited the Mayor and Law Director to attend. Crowl seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Butler, aye; Risner, aye; Crowl, aye; Fahl, aye; Kotses, aye; McGee, aye; and Grace, aye.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., Fahl moved to come out of Executive Session; Risner seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Fahl then moved to adjourn the meeting; Risner seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council