

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JUNE 18, 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, Auditor Hecht, and Law Director Eliason.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held June 4, and the Special Sessions held June 6 and June 11, 2018; Risner seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Council Member Fahl expressed citizen concern about mowing along the bike path, removing wildflowers and, at this time of year, nesting birds.

Council Member Crowl has heard from citizens who are pleased with the City Planner's Comprehensive Plan Open Houses. He also announced that from 1:00-2:00 tomorrow afternoon at the Human Resources and Training Center on Union Street, the University is holding an Open House for feedback from both the campus and community on planning for Transportation & Parking Services.

Council Member Kotses mentioned that the next Athens City School District's Board meeting will be Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Mayor Patterson shared the following:

- Ohio University's College of Fine Arts is sponsoring a Community Dance Day in Putnam Hall on Saturday, June 23, from 10:00a.m. to 2:30p.m. – a technique dance class will be held from 10:00-12:00 and is open for ages 13 and over, and from 12:30-2:30 is a community workshop, no experience necessary.
- Is in receipt of a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation notifying the City that the West Union Street Corridor Rehabilitation Project has been selected for funding through a Small Cities Grant and will provide 85% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of \$1,976,963 in Federal funds. This is for FY 2021.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-72-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DEWATERING EQUIPMENT PROJECT (#320). Butler moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-73-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ATHENS COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT. Risner 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). Kotses moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-78-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Risner moved to Amend to add a transfer from the personnel line to the capital line of \$1500 in Parking Enforcement to purchase a new computer; Crowl seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to approve appropriations and transfers prior to Council's July recess; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-80-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ATHENS-HOCKING RECYCLING CENTERS, INC., FOR MUNICIPAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Butler moved for Suspension of the Rules in that the current contract expires on June 30th; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Butler moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-81-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATHENS COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT SYSTEM AGREEMENT FOR THE PROCESSING OF COURT COSTS. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules to enable the Court to begin the process for a new payment system during Council's July recess; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-82-18

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HOCKING.ATHENS.PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS (HAPCAP), ADMINISTRATOR OF ATHENS PUBLIC TRANSIT. Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to transfer all public transit vehicles from the City to HAPCAP in a timely manner; Crowl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-83-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA FEDERAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RICHLAND AVENUE COATES RUN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (#321); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to submit final plan documents to meet ODOT's schedule; Crowl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Risner seconded.

Discussion: Kotses noted that this bridge was a 1935 WPA Project.

Risner asked about the timeline for this project.

Mayor Patterson responded that this will be a summer 2019 project.

Richland Avenue will remain open during construction with one-lane signalization. This bridge is currently weight-limited.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-84-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RICHLAND AVENUE PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY PROJECT (#311). Discussion: President Knisely noted that the total project cost is approximately \$3.1 million with \$1.7 million in grant funding, and the remainder will be from City funds.

Mayor Patterson indicated that the City intends to make application for a Transportation Improvement District Grant that can fund up to an additional \$250,000.

0-85-18

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF COURT STREET ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2018, FOR A CRUISE-IN. Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet the event timeline; Crowl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Risner moved to Accept the Auditor's May, 2018, Financial Reports; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Fahl requested a Committee of the Whole at the first opportunity in August to discuss a Resolution regarding the zero tolerance policy that is leading to children being separated from their parents when crossing the border into the U.S. It is imperative that our community take a stand; this practice is unacceptable.

Mayor Patterson announced that on the hottest day of the year he is pleased to announce the opening of the new municipal pool.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Fahl moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, and invited the Mayor, Auditor, 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 8:00 p.m., Fahl moved to come out of Executive Session; Grace seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. McGee then moved to adjourn the meeting; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council