

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020,  
7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in a Special Session at the above hour. Due to concerns with COVID-19 the following members met via videoconference: Clodfelter, Crowl, Fahl, Kotses, Grace, Risner and Smedley.

Also present via videoconference: President Knisely and Mayor Patterson.

**ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:**

**0-69-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2020 STREET PAVING AND REPAIRS PROJECT (#333); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Discussion: Kotses mentioned the following list of streets, or parts thereof, for paving: Applegate, Lamar, Longview Hts., Mulligan, Playground Drive, Pomeroy Road, Richland Avenue, and South Shafer. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-70-20**

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) 2020 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP). Grace moved to Amend to add an emergency clause in order to meet the June 24, 2020, ODSA grant application deadline; Risner seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously. Grace moved for Suspension of the Rules for the same reason as the emergency clause; Smedley seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Grace moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-71-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DEWATERING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#320). Grace moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-72-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#330). Grace moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-73-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 139-19; AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES, AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR THE KIMES RESERVOIR PROJECT (#324). Grace moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-74-20**

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE CITY OF ATHENS WILL PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF AFSCME LOCAL 2403 PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(h)(2). Crowl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

**0-78-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules due to Council's July recess; Risner seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crowl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Discussion: Fahl expressed concern about purchasing Tasers for use inside the Courtroom.

Grace explained that, unlike most other courtroom settings within the State, there is no security screening entrance into our Municipal Courtroom. Currently, there is only one part-time officer in the courtroom that carries a weapon. This will improve the security of Court employees as well as citizens.

Crowl hopes Municipal Court will continue moving forward with making the courtroom safer.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-79-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crowl moved for Suspension of the Rules due to Council's July recess; Smedley seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crowl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-81-20**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FROM THE ZAYO GROUP, LLC FOR USE OF THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY. Fahl moved for Suspension of the Rules due to Council's July recess; Clodfelter seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Fahl moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-82-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA/STATE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE PROJECT (PID No. 98361); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules due to Council's July recess; Clodfelter seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded; Adoption was approved unanimously.

**ONE-READING RESOLUTION:**

**R-10-20**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO TO DECLARE RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 14 DECLARING RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE STATE OF OHIO. Grace moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council