

Athens City Planning Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Thursday, August 2, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Athens City Planning Commission was held in City Council Chambers, third floor, at City Hall on August 2, 2018.

**Attendees:** None

1. **Call to Order**

RJ Sumney called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 12:08 p.m. There was no one in the live audience to administer the oath to. One member absent, quorum was established.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

RJ Sumney, Chair ..... Present  
Christy Zempter ..... Present  
Nancy Bain, Vice Chair..... Present  
Steve Patterson, Mayor ..... Present  
Andy Stone, Service-Safety Director..... Absent

**STAFF:**

Paul Logue, City Planner ..... Present  
Rick Sirois, Code Enforcement Director..... Present

2. **Disposition of Minutes**

*RJ Sumney moved to accept the July 5, 2018 minutes. Christy Zempter seconded. Motion passed 3:0; one abstention (RJ Sumney) and one absent (Andy Stone).*

3. **Cases**

**Case #18-07 Title 43 Wireless Modification  
39 Water Tower Drive  
AT&T**

Rick Sirois/Synopsis

AT&T is requesting permission to modify the platform on an existing 150 ft. self-supporting structure. The modifications are similar to a previous request, Case #16-03, dated May 19, 2016 and June 26, 2017, in which modifications were made at the 149 ft. existing platform.

This new request involves modifying the platform at 137 ft. level on the tower. No changes to the height or footprint of the tower will be made.

AT&T is proposing to modify the platform as follows:

- Remove and replace (3) three 700 Band RRHs (Remote Radio Heads) and associated electrical hardware.
- Remove and replace (6) six AWS Band RRHS and associated electrical hardware.

Proper supporting documents were provided for the structural analysis of wind and foundation requirements. After a review of the documents it was determined that it met with Code requirements under Title 43.

Tower Owner: American Tower Corporation  
 Site Location: 39 Water Tower Drive, Athens  
 Zoning: E1  
 Estimated value of Improvement: \$15,000

Discussion

Steve Patterson: Earlier modifications were on the upper level of tower; this request is for modifications to the lower level. We are seeing more of these upgrade requests and with future advances in cellular technology this will continue.

RJ Sumney: Ohio University is signing off on this modification.

Steve Patterson moved to approve Case #18-07. RJ Sumney seconded. All present voted aye. Motion passed 4:0.

**Case #18-08 East Park Drive Right-Of-Way**

Rick Sirois/Summary

At the July 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting this is the right-of-way going along with the new construction of the Muntean Healthcare building which was a case from 2016. This public right-of-way is being brought forward as a new case. The circumstances were explained by Andy Stone at the last meeting and are reflected in the meeting minutes.

Steve Patterson moved to approve Case #18-08. Christy Zempter seconded. Motion passed 3:0; one abstention (RJ Sumney) and one absent (Andy Stone).

4. **Communications**

**None**

5. **Report from City Planner and Director of Code Enforcement**

Paul Logue

- Comprehensive Plan: Beginning Monday 8/13 or Tuesday 8/14, the series of online surveys will be distributed. The Comprehensive Plan webpage on the city website [www.ci.athens.oh.us](http://www.ci.athens.oh.us) is being updated as well and should be completed by Monday 8/13. Into August they will be doing corridor level planning which will result in a draft document in late August/early September. In the next 24 hours, the draft surveys will be distributed to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee for comment.

Steve Patterson asked if the corridor planning is taking into account the ODOT projects/grants that are planned for the future. Paul Logue indicated that it was. They are looking at Stimson Avenue, Columbus Road, E. State St., Richland Avenue, Union St. and uptown Athens. Steve Patterson suggested that Stroud's Run Road be incorporated and considered a gateway; it is an opportunity to beautify as an entry way.

Rick Sirois

- Attending the Appalachian Ohio Educational EV Readiness Forum at the OU Innovation Center. The city has 3 EV vehicles; two Nissan Leaf's at the Code Office.

6. **Opportunity for Citizens to Speak**

None

7. **Announcements & Other Business**

Next meeting is August 16, 2018.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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RJ Sumney, Planning Commission

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Patricia Witmer, City of Athens