

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 Pro Tem Butler, Acting Mayor Knisely, and Law Director Eliason.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

Risner moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held September 17, 2018; Fahl seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Council Member Kotses** announced that the next Athens City School District Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Athens High School auditorium.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Acting Mayor Knisely** announced the following:

- Bike path section between Eclipse and Armitage Road is closed until Tuesday afternoon.
- Wednesday, October 3, annual Coffee with the Cops will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Donkey.

**ORDINANCE FOR THIRD READING:**

**0-100-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RICHLAND BRIDGE OVER COATES RUN PROJECT (#321). Kotses moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

**0-101-18**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 75-18; AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTHWEST BIKEWAY SPUR (PHASE III) PROJECT (#296). Kotses moved for Suspension of the Rules in order that the project can be bid this fall to secure the best pricing; Risner seconded. Suspension of the

Rules was approved unanimously. Kotses moved for Adoption; Crowl seconded. Discussion: Kotses explained that an additional \$100,000 is needed for this project due to unforeseen issues. Some trees were identified that needed to be saved, forcing a realignment of the path. Additional retaining walls were then needed to protect the stream.

President Pro Tem Butler noted that this project is in line with the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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**0-102-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO LEASE/PURCHASE SMART PARKING METERS.

**0-103-18**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 7, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 7.05, PARKING REGULATIONS.

**0-104-18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DEWATERING PROJECT (#320). Butler moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to proceed with the project design; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved by a 6/1 vote; with McGee voting in opposition. Butler moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Discussion: McGee noted that this legislation is needed to provide for better processing of the sludge, and has nothing to do with the concern expressed by citizens in the County about the location of a new City of Athens sludge site.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-105-18**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 STAFFING LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 151-17; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

**0-106-18**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO CAMERON FULLER, OWNER, 97 COLUMBUS ROAD, TO ALLOW AN EXISTING CONCRETE PAD TO ENCROACH ON THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**0-107-18**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$323,411 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING A NEW PUMPER TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**0-108-18**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

**0-109-18**

AN ORDINANCE BANNING PARKING AND CLOSING THAT PORTION OF COURT STREET FROM MULBERRY TO CARPENTER ON OCTOBER 26, 27, and 28, 2018, IN ANTICIPATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CONVERGING ON DOWNTOWN ATHENS (HALLOWEEN WEEKEND); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Discussion: Kotses indicated there are no substantive changes from previous years, only dates and times.

Brandon Thompson of the Clean & Safe Halloween Committee explained that there will be a slight change in the event setup. The stage previously at the College Gate will now be on Union Street between Congress and Court.

Kotses asked about the entertainment timeframe.

Thompson responded that the music will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Union and 6:30 p.m. by Courtside on Court and will end at midnight.

McGee thanked the Clean & Safe Halloween Committee. The Committee's efforts make a great difference to this event.

**0-110-18**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE SECTION 13.04.10, UNNECESSARY NOISE, FOR SCHEDULED BANDSTAND PERFORMANCES, HOSTED BY THE CLEAN AND SAFE HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 27 AND 28, 2018 (HALLOWEEN WEEKEND); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**0-111-18**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA ON OCTOBER 27 AND 28, 2018 (HALLOWEEN WEEKEND); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**0-112-18**

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE SECTION 7.05.26(C), REGULATION OF CITY PARKING GARAGE RATES, ON OCTOBER 26, 27 AND 28, 2018 (HALLOWEEN WEEKEND); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

At approximately 7:35 p.m., Fahl moved to Adjourn; McGee seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

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President Pro Tem of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council