

MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2018

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7:00 P.M.

Council Members in Attendance: Kent Butler
Samuel Crowl
Chris Fahl
Sarah Grace
Peter Kotses
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

Item Discussed:

- Title 39, Wellhead Protection Plan (update)
 - Crowl – due to a recent spill in the wellhead protection area, S-S Director Stone requested Crowl meet with Mike Cooper of the City-County Health Department – there is a need to amend the language regarding requirements for reporting of spills – Cooper proposed language to update Section 39.01.05, Prohibitions and restrictions in the wellhead protection area and buffer zone, and Section 39.01.07, Management of specific potential pollution sources in the wellhead protection area and buffer zone – Crowl then presented the proposed language to the Environment & Sustainability Commission – the Commission reviewed the proposed language as well as the entire Code – there are no other recommended changes to Title 39 – language under 39.01.05(A) will read as follows, renumbering the current sections as needed: “Any spills of regulated substances including, but not limited to, pesticides and fertilizers, shall be reported to the administering authority immediately upon detection of the spill.” – language under 39.01.07(C)(2) will read as follows: “Any spills of regulated substances including, but not limited to, pesticides and fertilizers, shall be reported to the administering authority immediately upon detection of the spill.”
 - Fahl – requested that the language in the Wellhead Protection Plan regarding fracking & injection wells mirror that of Title 47, Resource Extraction and Waste Disposal Monitoring and Mitigation Program – it will strengthen the Plan language as it requires more stringent reporting
 - Mayor – this language clarification on reporting spills is needed

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Wellhead Protection Amendments

MINUTES
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair
Kent Butler, Vice-Chair
Sam Crowl, Member

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Reduce 2018 Year-End Appropriations
-Risner – authorize the Auditor to reduce appropriations where anticipated receipts are not adequate and, when combined with the carry forward balance, not sufficient to approve the full appropriations of funds

- Appropriations/Transfers

-Risner – Appropriate (\$50,000) to the Street Fund for repair of pavement and curb on Columbus Circle Drive, guardrail in various locations, vehicle maintenance for plow trucks for winter weather preparation and leaf removal equipment;

-Appropriate (\$30,000) to the Water Fund for the restocking of repair parts for possible water breaks;

-Appropriate (\$10,000) to the Sewer Fund for the restocking of repair parts for possible sewer repairs; and \$20,000 for sewer televising; and

-Appropriate (\$8,000) to the Internal Service Fund to extend the City's server hardware maintenance contract for 2 years

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Reduce 2018 Appropriations
2. Appropriations/Transfers

MINUTES
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Chris Fahl, Chair
Jeff Risner, Vice-Chair
Sarah Grace, Member

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

Items Discussed:

- East Park Drive
 - Fahl – this is a unique situation – the Planning Commission is recommending that Council establish this as a public right-of-way in order to turn East Park Drive from a private road on public property to a proper public roadway

- Title 29, Housing Regulations
 - Fahl – the Code Enforcement Office is requesting that the last sentence in 29.22.04, Water heating facilities, be changed from: “All water heaters must be installed by licensed plumbers” to be replaced with “WATER HEATERS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS”. – current language is overly restrictive

 - Mayor – new language is in accordance with the 2015 International Plumbing Code and 2011 Ohio Plumbing Code, 502.1, General

 - Risner – clarified that this change would allow the homeowner to install a water heater
 - Fahl – that is correct
 - Risner – is more comfortable with a licensed plumber – what is reason for change?
 - Grace – it is nearly impossible to enforce – there are many properties in the City that have qualified maintenance personnel that have the skills and knowledge necessary to install a water heater, but may not be a licensed plumber

-Risner – doesn't believe it needs to change just because it is not easily enforced – it is a safety issue

-Kotses – questioned whether adding an expansion tank, a safety feature, is required in our City Code – water heater manufacturer's directions likely don't address this

-Mayor – will follow up and provide information on regulations for accessories

-Grace – expansion tanks are required for rentals and is part of the annual inspection

- Hillcrest Drive (easement) – discussion tabled

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. East Park Drive
2. Title 29

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Peter Kotses, Chair
Sarah Grace, Member

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- AUBA Trick-or-Treat (Court Street closure)
 - Kotses – questioned the need for a street closure – the Athens County Convention & Visitors Bureau website indicates this event will take place on Monday, October 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Mayor – will provide information for legislation

- Residential Parking Permit
 - Joan Krainanski, Mound Street – residents on streets with limited off-street parking feel more comfortable having a 72-hour continuous on-street parking permit, as opposed to needing to move their vehicles every 24 hours – requested extending the pilot for an additional year – administrative and established enforcement procedures were worked out during the pilot – with an additional one-year extension the City could consider ideas to increase the 72-hour time limit, and possibly to make changes to expanding the area

 - Mayor – spoke with Captain Harvey – he feels this has been a manageable program with positive results – 12 permits have been issued – parking enforcement is tracking the 72-hour permits, and some residents have been cited – overall, the pilot has been successful – encouraged Council to continue for another year – residents have expressed their appreciation for this parking relief

 - Kotses – has received positive feedback in support for continuing this program – is pleased that a citizen group brought this idea forward

- Richland Avenue Pedestrian Passageway Project #311 (LPA agreement)
 - Kotses – Council needs to authorize the Service-Safety Director to enter into a Federal Local LPA Agreement with ODOT for the construction of the Richland Avenue Pedestrian Passageway, Project 311 – the total project cost is expected

to be \$3,098,459, and ODOT will provide 95% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$1,812,195 in Federal funds from the Transportation Alternative Program – the Ordinance will require an Emergency Clause and Suspension of the Rules, so the City can submit the signed agreement as soon as the Ordinance is approved

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Residential Parking
2. Richland Project (LPA)