

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present via videoconference: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, Auditor Hecht, and Law Director Eliason.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Knisely shared the following:

- Notice from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, that Stephens Fine Dining Corporation, dba Bar 3 1st Floor, 66 N. Court Street, has applied for a D3A liquor permit to extend permit privileges until 2:30 a.m. City Council has until June 4th to respond to this application.
- On May 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m. the City Street Department will be smoke testing sewer lines on North Court Street, causing the left lane to be closed.
- This week there will be some closures on Stimson Avenue (Campbell and Cornwell) due to the ongoing improvement project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Patterson reported:

- The International Town Gown Association's Conference will take place May 24-26.
- The City is being recognized by the USEPA with a certificate of community partnership under the Green Power Partner Program for the City's efforts to reduce the negative health impacts of air emissions through the use of green power. Residential, commercial, as well as municipal buildings are averaging, annually, 37 million kilowatt hours of green energy consumption. Ohio University was also recognized as being in the top 30 colleges/universities in the nation for their efforts in the use of renewable energy.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-54-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING WASTEWATER REMOTE SITE TELEMTRY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 339. Grace moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-55-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING INTERFUND TRANSFERS. Crowl moved for Adoption; Smedley seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-56-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 STAFFING LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 141-20. Crowl moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-57-21

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT TO OHIO UNIVERSITY TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF A CAMPUS SHUTTLE STOP AT 9 FACTORY STREET. Fahl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-58-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) FUNDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crowl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-59-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SMALL CITY PROGRAM FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crowl moved for Adoption; Ziff seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-60-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) FOR ISSUE I FUNDS; TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-62-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A 10-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED SENIORS OF ATHENS COUNTY FOR SPACE UTILIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

0-63-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOCATION POLICY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 67-15.

0-64-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND COST ALLOCATION POLICY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 124-15.

0-65-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE AN INTERFUND TRANSFER.

0-66-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR THE WEST UNION STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#322).

0-67-21

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND COLLEGE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., WELCOMING THE NATIONAL VULCAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (NVRA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-68-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUB-RECIPIENT CONTRACT WITH OHIO UNIVERSITY, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE TO IMPLEMENT A WASTEWATER-BASED COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-69-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SOFTENER REHABILITATION PROJECT (#338).

Introduced by Council Member Grace

0-70-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

0-71-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO ADD TITLE 45, FEES, TO INCLUDE A FEE FOR AN HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION.

0-72-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 3, ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.

ONE-READING RESOLUTIONS:

R-08-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS TO BECOME A POWER A CLEAN FUTURE OHIO COMMUNITY AND TO ADOPT A GOAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE CITY. Crowl moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

R-09-21

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, TO COUNCIL MEMBER BETH CLODFELTER FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE. Fahl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Risner moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Holly Ittel to serve a three-year term on the Athens Municipal Arts Commission; Fahl seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

Fahl moved to Accept the April, 2021, Financial Reports as submitted; Grace seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Fahl moved to Accept the April, 2021 Credit Card Transactions as submitted; Ziff seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

At approximately 7:45 p.m. Fahl moved to adjourn the meeting; Crowl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council