

A G E N D A
ATHENS CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023
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7:00 P.M.

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*******SPECIAL SESSION*******

1. Establish Quorum

2. Ordinances for Third Reading:

0-71-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF THE STIMSON AVENUE WATERLINE EXTENSION, PROJECT #364.

Introduced by Council Member McCarey

0-72-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF THE COLUMBUS ROAD LIFT STATION, PROJECT #359. Introduced by Council Member McCarey

0-73-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT #330; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Council Member McCarey

0-74-23

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; AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

0-75-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 155-22.

Introduced by Council Member Crowl

0-76-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 STAFFING LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 147-22, PART-TIME AND SEASONAL AUXILIARY PATROL OFFICERS.

Introduced by Council Member Crowl

3. One-Reading Resolution:

R-09-23

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT ISSUE 1 TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD FOR PASSAGE OF CITIZEN-INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO 60 PERCENT.

Introduced by All Council Members

4 . Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

- 2024 Rate/Fee Increases
- Utility Easement (University Estates Lift Station)

Chris Knisely
President of Council

The City of Athens supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requests for reasonable accommodation may be made with the ADA Coordinator in the City Building or by calling 592-3367.

0-71-23

Introduced by Micah McCarey, Chair
City & Safety Services Committee

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF THE STIMSON AVENUE WATERLINE EXTENSION, PROJECT #364.

WHEREAS, said extension will provide water service to the new fire station and any future expansion to the east across the Stimson Avenue Bridge;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to advertise and accept bids, where necessary, and to enter into contract(s) with the lowest and best bidder, for construction and construction engineering of the Stimson Avenue Waterline Extension, Project #364.

SECTION II: The 2023 Appropriation Ordinance, 155-22, is hereby amended by appropriating from the unappropriated balance the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to Water Fund, 740.635, T.C. 500, and increasing the total appropriations by said amount.

SECTION III: The Service-Safety Director is further authorized to expend up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from Water Fund, 740.635, for said project.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall be in effect and full force upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-72-23

Introduced by Micah McCarey, Chair
City & Safety Services Committee

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF THE COLUMBUS ROAD LIFT STATION, PROJECT #359.

WHEREAS, the City has received (\$120,000) in Community Development Block Grant funds for construction of this project, and plans to apply for (\$500,000) in Critical Infrastructure Funds;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to enter into contract for engineering services for design of the Columbus Road Lift Station, Project #359.

SECTION II: The 2023 Appropriation Ordinance 155-22 is hereby amended by appropriating from the unappropriated balance the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to Sewer Fund, 750.637, T.C. 500, and increasing the total appropriations by said amount.

SECTION III: The Service-Safety Director is further authorized to expend up to One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) from Sewer Fund, 750.637, T.C. 500, for said Project #359.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-73-23

Introduced by Micah McCarey, Chair
City & Safety Services Committee

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT #330; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to advertise, and accept bids, upon approval by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), for construction and construction engineering of the City Sewer Improvements to include the Richland Lift Station/Gravity and Force Main Sewers, the SR 56 Lift Station, and the West Union to Richland Force Main, Project #330.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the City of Athens, Ohio, in order that bids can be accepted as soon as the City receives OEPA approval to do so, and it shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-74-23

Introduced by Jeff Risner, Chair
Transportation Committee

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; AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to participate in the State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for Issue I Funds.

SECTION II: The Mayor is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-75-23

Introduced by Sam Crawl, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 155-22.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The 2023 Appropriation Ordinance 155-22 is hereby amended by appropriating from the unappropriated balance the following sums:

Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$44,500.00) to Street Fund, 220, T.C. 400, for payment on the University Estates Assessment;

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Sewer Fund, 750.635, T.C. 500, for installation of a building to house the vac-truck;

Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to Storm Sewer Fund, 755.635, T.C. 200, for backfill material; and

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Storm Sewer Fund, 755.635, T.C. 500, for repair of the Meadow Lane storm tunnel, and increasing the total appropriations by the same amounts.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be in effect and full force upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Government Forms and Supplies (844) 224-3338 FORM NO. SHTROR11

Ordinance No. **0-76-23** Passed _____, 20____

Introduced by the Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 STAFFING LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 147-22, PART-TIME AND SEASONAL AUXILIARY PATROL OFFICERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: An Ordinance amending the 2023 Staffing levels for Part-Time and Seasonal Auxiliary Patrol Officers, authorized by Ordinance 147-22, to read as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

PART-TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

FUND	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	NUMBER	HOURLY RATE
101.101	General	Mayor	5	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.102	General	Auditor	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.104	General	Law Director	2	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
270.940	Recreation	Recreation	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.105	General	Council	4	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.112	Lands & Bld.	Aides	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.112	General	Lands & Building Maintenance	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.112	General	Seasonal Worker	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.112	General	Lands & Buildings	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.115	General	Seasonal Landscaper	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.207	General	Cemetery	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.207	General	Police	2	Starting pay is \$1.00 less than a fee FT Patrol Off.
101.207	General	Police	10	Starting pay for FT Patrol Off.
101.207	General	Aux Officer "Active"	10	Starting pay for FT Patrol Off.
101.207	General	Aux Officer "Call-In"	1	Starting pay for FT Patrol Off.
101.207	General	Police	1	Starting pay for FT Patrol Off.
101.207	General	Aux: Dare Officer	50	Up to \$350 per event day
101.208	General	Police	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
101.208	General	Aux: Major Events	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
220.717	Street	Fire	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
220.717	Street	Street	2	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
220.717	Street	Street	8	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
270.940	Recreation	Recreation	5	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
740.637	Water	Water	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
740.637	Water	Treatment Plant	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
740.637	Water	Treatment Plant	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
750.637	Sewer	Treatment Plant	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
750.637	Sewer	Treatment Plant	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above
865.647	Int.Service	Int.Service	1	\$12.00-\$2.50 above

RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	RATE
A, P & R	Cashiers/Preschool Aides,	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Day Care/Camp Instructors, Fitness	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Supervisor, Building & League Supvs.	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Youth Referee, Score Keepers	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Lifeguards/Swim Instructors	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Pool Manager	\$16.00 - \$4.00 above
A, P & R	Head Life Guard(s)	\$13.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Programs Coordinator	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Personal Trainer	\$14.00 - \$3.00 above
A, P & R	Pre School Teacher	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above
A, P & R	Program Instructors	\$12.00 - \$2.50 above

Number of employees for each position will vary to meet program needs

Arts/Recreation Fund

R-09-23

Introduced by All Members of Council

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT ISSUE 1 TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD FOR PASSAGE OF CITIZEN-INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO 60 PERCENT.

WHEREAS, Ohioans have had the right to amend their Ohio Constitution through a simple majority for over 110 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans voted to grant themselves with a simple majority the freedom to place Constitutional Amendments directly on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would raise the threshold for passage of citizen-initiated constitutional amendments to 60 percent, thus giving 40 percent plus one of the voters the ability to block the will of the majority; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would undermine the sacred principle of one person one vote; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans have not abused the right to place constitutional amendments on the ballot, with just 71 citizen-initiated amendments on the ballot since 1913; and

WHEREAS, with the December 2022 passage of HB 458 the Ohio General Assembly prohibited August special elections, except for U. S. House nominations; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has called for a special election, for Issue 1 on August 8, 2023 a date that historically yields a low voter turnout and that will expend millions of Ohio tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the process to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot is already a challenging task, requiring the collection of hundreds of thousands of valid signatures from 44 of Ohio's 88 counties; and

WHEREAS, by including the need to collect a certain threshold of signatures from all 88 counties almost guarantees such efforts to amend our Ohio constitution will be cost prohibitive for most groups;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: Athens City Council opposes the Ohio legislature’s August 8, 2023 Special Election to place Issue 1 on the ballot.

SECTION II: Athens City Council believes that citizens should vote NO on Issue 1 to maintain Ohioans’ freedom to place citizen-initiated constitutional amendments on the ballot, and uphold the sacred principle of “one person, one vote.”

SECTION III: The Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to mail copies of this Resolution to Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Senator Frank Hoagland, Senator Rob McColley, State Representative Jay Edwards, and State Representative Brian Stewart.

SECTION IV: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor