

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MAY 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair
Chris Fahl, Vice-Chair
Sarah Grace, Member

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- COMCorps (2018-19 review of placement at Community Center)
Caroline Canning, COMCorps Athens Community Center and Hopewell Health Centers Wellness Liaison Member – (see attached presentation)
 - Fahl – appreciates the data collection
 - Grace – the personal interactions are a really great part of this program
 - President – understands that COMCorps is in part grant funded with operating funds through the College of Medicine – asked about the funding of the Hopewell memberships
 - Canning – the Wellness Team is funded by a grant, and that same grant funds the Hopewell memberships
 - Mayor – this is a fascinating program
 - Butler – this program is very beneficial to our community on many levels
 - Councilman McGee – asked about available programming for those recovering from opiate addiction
 - Canning – Hopewell does provide this assistance – adding, another component of this program, allows her to help anyone coming into the Community Center that would like to use this service – continued need for these services has expanded through the COMCorps program with Integrated Services as a provider, as well as Serenity Growth (a women's recovery home)
 - Butler – it is relevant to note the many private partnerships serving the community through this program

- Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACCVB) update
 - Page Alost, Executive Director – provided the attached presentation
 - Fahl – cannot emphasize enough the aspects of our city’s green, open space conservation efforts and recreational land – it is a huge economic driver for our area
 - Butler – applauds the efforts of ACCVB to connect with the ever present social media outlets for recognition of our community
 - Councilman Crowl – spoke about our community’s support of active transportation and ACCVB’s promotions toward those efforts and our biking culture – looks forward to ACCVB’s ideas with regard to the proposed Bailey’s project
 - Alost – ACCVB’s role with the Bailey’s project is to build the bike culture in the strongest manner possible – ACCVB is currently developing (4) tourism routes for bicycling
 - Councilman McGee – asked about seasonal tourism, promotion of winter activities, promotion of small businesses through tourism, and evening transportation in Athens
 - Alost – summer is certainly the best season for tourism and success for local businesses – the winter is tough, however, lodging, food and libation partners are working to create unique inside winter activities, of which food and beverage play a very large role – considering a winter restaurant week, possibly in January, that isn’t weather contingent – ACCVB is working to identify available evening transportation – a couple of hotel partners have invested in a shuttle

MINUTES
May 13, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:00 P.M.

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

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

Item Discussed:

- NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) Energized Community Grant
 - President – the City received approximately \$12,000 last year through this grant program that was used for solar powered lights for City bus shelters – this year, grant funds will be used to purchase portable solar powered personal device charging stations (umbrella type tables)
 - Mayor – hoping to purchase two tables to be set up at the Community Center pool area – these are portable and can be easily moved to other City event sites – enhances our sustainability efforts and complements our new electrical vehicle charging station in front of the municipal pool
 - Fahl – another way to increase solar usage – interested in this particular avenue toward community solar

MINUTES
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
May 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair
Kent Butler, Vice-Chair
Sam Crawl, Member
Peter Kotses, Member

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Appropriations/Transfers
 - Risner – the following appropriations/transfers have been requested:

\$34,750 to the Judge's Computer Fund – this is the grant amount received from the Ohio Supreme Court for additional improvements to the Municipal Court case management system;

\$15,000 to the Athens City Enhancement Fund – to fund fireworks, America in Bloom, micro-grants (creation of four \$250 grants for neighborhood projects), and public art
 - Council Member Grace – reminded Council of the recent presentation and request for funding Community Food Initiatives (CFI) – she would like Council to support their efforts by appropriating funds for this work – not only do they provide an incredibly valuable service of food and education to our community, but every dollar spent is supporting our local economy – their work is supported by the City's Sustainability Action Plan, through sustainable food production – unfortunately, Athens County is number one in the State for food insecurity – introduced Maryanne Martinez, the new Executive Director of CFI
 - Butler asked for clarification of the amount of funding CFI requested
 - Grace -- \$8,000 to support their COMCorps member, and recommended honoring that request
 - Risner – agrees
 - Mayor – this is a larger amount than has been requested in the past – will need to review the budget lines

 - Risner – asked about the request for public art and the amount of funding

- President – asked about the amount being allocated to America in Bloom
- Mayor – will provide an itemization

\$19,000 to the Internal Service Fund – for City phone system cost saving project

- Mayor – upgrading from Shoretel to Mitel

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Appropriations/Transfers

MINUTES
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MAY 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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

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Mayor Patterson

Items Discussed:

- ACC 43.07, Special Use Permit, amend (Planning Commission recommendation)
 - Fahl – the changes requested are for special use permits needed for placement of equipment on wireless telecommunication facilities

 - Mayor – explained that minor modifications to existing facilities have always come before the Planning Commission – minor changes are basically switching out or upgrading equipment already on the towers, with no change in footprint or height – there is no need for these types of changes to be approved by the Planning Commission; approval by the Code Enforcement Office is adequate

 - Fahl – questioned the language being added that would give the Planning Commission granting authority with respect to permits for new wireless telecommunications facilities, or major modifications, or the revoking of special use permits – suggested it should be modeled after the special use permits within the City rights-of-way – would like the Law Director to review

- ACC 9.04, Outdoor Fires (amend)
 - Fahl – Fire Chief Rymer is requesting an update to the City's outdoor fire regulations

 - McGee – asked whether the distance in Section (A) stating that there can be no outdoor fireplace or the like within 20' of a structure, alley, or roadway is a State regulation
 - Fahl – will request a response from the Fire Chief

- Local Board of Tax Review
 - Fahl – this was amended earlier to add to Title 15, but needs to be placed into Title 17, as at some point Title 15 will no longer be used
- 0-19-19 (amend)
 - Fahl –the amendment will simply correct the parcel ID numbers for an enhanced access easement to allow utilities to property contiguous to Hope Drive
 - Mayor – confirmation of the corrected parcel numbers has been provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission

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1. Outdoor Fires (amend)
2. Title 17 (amend)
3. 0-19-19 (amend)