

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021,
7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Fahl, Grace, McCarey, Risner, and Ziff.

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, and Law Director Eliason.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held October 4, 2021; Risner seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Knisely has received notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a change in the Membership Interests for both Speedway locations at 319 East State Street and 414 Richland Avenue as a change in their permit status. Legislative responses must be postmarked no later than November 5, 2021.

Council Member Ziff was approached with a concern about the safety of the staircase leading up to West Washington Street from Depot Street, and requested that pedestrians be vigilant and to report any incidences directly to the Police Department.

ORDINANCE FOR THIRD READING:

0-101-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Risner moved for Adoption; Fah seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-102-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 80-20, ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 1.03, CODE FEES ESTABLISHED, SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND OPTIONAL COMPOSTING RATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-103-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 88-21; AUTHORIZING THE 2021 STREET PAVING AND REPAIRS PROJECT (#337). Risner moved to amend Ordinance 103-21 to reflect cost increases associated with the West State Park Improvements Project; Fahl seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously.

0-105-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 93-21 THE 2021 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE AN INTERFUND TRANSFER. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-106-21

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMIT TO NATHAN RATH, OWNER, 333 EAST STATE STREET, TO PLACE A SIGN ON AN EXISTING SIGN POLE. Fahl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-107-21

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMIT TO JAMES COADY, OWNER, 21 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, TO PLACE AN AWNING OVER A GARAGE DOOR. Fahl moved for Adoption; Grace seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-108-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A MOWER IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

0-109-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MASTER EQUITY LEASE AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT TO SAID AGREEMENT, A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, AND A GOVERNMENT CREDIT APPLICATION WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT.

0-110-21

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

0-111-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO, OR TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE SERVICES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. Discussion: Risner reminded Council that 96% of this year's cost will be borne by the State of Ohio.

0-112-21

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 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 FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-113-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 7, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 7.04, CHAPTER 7.05, PARKING REGULATIONS. Discussion: McCarey is pleased to see more inclusive language in our ordinances, and hopes to see this process continue.

0-114-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 11, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, SECTION 11.04.03, REGULATION OF VENDORS, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, PENALTIES.

0-115-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 5, PUBLIC UTILITIES, CHAPTER 5.02, GARBAGE AND RUBBISH, SECTION 5.02.03, PREPARATION AND STORAGE.

0-116-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 13, GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 13.07, MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, SECTION 13.07.07, CITATION.

0-117-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 29, HOUSING REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 29.12, PREMISES CONDITIONS, SECTION 29.12.02, CITATION.

0-118-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 1.03, CODE FEES ESTABLISHED, SECTION 5.06.03 AND 29.03.07.

0-119-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 1.03, CODE FEES ESTABLISHED, SECTION 5.04.08, SEWER RATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-120-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

0-121-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL 2403 (1) CONCERNING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

0-122-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL 2403 (2) CONCERNING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

0-123-21

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION OF GREATER THAN 25% THROUGH THE ASSIGNED PAY GRADE, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 35-21, FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EPW; AND AUTHORIZING THE HOURLY RATE TO BE PAID RETROACTIVELY TO THE EMPLOYEES SUBSEQUENT REHIRE DATE.

0-124-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 STAFFING LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 141-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Risner moved to Accept the September, 2021, Credit Card Transactions; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

McCarey moved to confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Brandon Thompson to serve an additional 3-year term, to expire 10/2024, on the Recreation Advisory Board; Fahl seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

Ziff moved to confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Joe Krause to serve an additional 3-year term, to expire 10/2024, on the Zoning Board of Appeals; Fahl seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON LEGISLATIVE ITEMS AND CITY SERVICES NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA:

Damon Krane, Hudson Avenue, is dissatisfied with the City establishment and hopes that City Council's newest At Large incumbents, if reelected, will stand by their platforms.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Fahl moved to adjourn the meeting; McCarey seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council