ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Butler, Cochran, Fahl, Knisely, Papai, Patterson and Risner.

Also present: President Sands, Mayor Wiehl, Law Director Lang, and Auditor Hecht.

Fahl moved to appoint Council Member Knisely to serve as Acting Clerk for this session of Council; Patterson seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved approval of the minutes for the Regular Session held February 17, 2014; Papai seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wiehl reported the following:

- Retirement party for Fire Chief Troxel on Friday from 2-4 p.m.
- Proclamation promoting March as National Disabilities month with the 2014 Disabilities Awareness Festival to be held at the Community Center on March 18th between 6-8:30 p.m.
- Posting of vacancy for Chief Information Officer
- New Solid Waste Control Officer will begin March 12th

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-07-14
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO DOUGLAS AND DELORES ADI, 91 SOUTH MAY AVENUE, FOR USE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN EXISTING FENCE.

0-08-14
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO PAUL F. CAREY, 147 COLUMBUS ROAD, FOR USE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN EXISTING SIGN.

0-09-14
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE ATHENS-HOCKING COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS, INC., AND ANCILLARY SERVICES; AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 77-12.

0-11-14
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 (FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-13-14
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY ESTATES AREA OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-14-14
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THTE COLUMBUS ROAD/NORTH LANCASTER STREET INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-15-14
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 147-13, NON-UNION PERSONNEL FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE, SECTION 21(C), COMPENSATION, AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO HIRE A NEW FIRE CHIEF AT A RATE OF PAY ABOVE THE ALLOWED 25% MINIMUM PROVIDED IN PAY RANGE 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-16-14
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Knisely moved for Suspension of the Rules; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Knisely moved for Adoption; Patterson seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-17-14
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-18-14
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT TRACKHOE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

0-19-14
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF THE RICHLAND SOUTH PROJECT (#244); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ONE-READING RESOLUTION:

R-02-14
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STRENGTHENING THE OHIO OIL AND GAS SEVERANCE TAX. Fahl moved for Adoption; Papai seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

Fahl moved to confirm the appointment of Ellen Soltow as an alternate member to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Papai seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

Papai would like to request a hearing on the liquor permit transfer from the West Side Tavern (in safekeeping) to Fluff Bakery & Catering at 8 North Court Street. Responses to this transfer must be postmarked no later than March 24, 2014.

Knisely agrees that this transfer warrants requesting a hearing.

The following committees will meet next Monday, March 10th:

- Transportation
- Finance & Personnel

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

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President of Council

ATTEST:
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Acting Clerk of Council