

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025,
7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in Special Session at the above hour with the following members present: Clodfelter, McCarey; Risner, Spjeldnes, Swank, Thomas, and Wood.

Also present: President Crawl, Mayor Patterson, and Treasurer Thomas.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-43-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 115-24. Risner moved for Adoption; Swank seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-44-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 121-24; AUTHORIZING 2025 STAFFING LEVELS. Risner moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-45-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 116-24; 2025 NON-UNION COMPENSATION, AUTHORIZED PAY GRADES, IN THE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER. Risner moved for Adoption; McCarey seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-46-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7, EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, OF ORDINANCE 117-24, THE 2025 FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR NON-UNION PERSONNEL WITHIN THE CITY OF ATHENS. Risner moved for Adoption; Spjeldnes seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-49-25

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING EAST UNION STREET BETWEEN COURT AND UNIVERSITY TERRACE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. FOR THE COMMUNITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION. Spjeldnes moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Discussion: Spjeldnes noted this event closure is being recommended by the Juneteenth Committee that includes members from the Racial Equity Coalition of Appalachia, the Mount Zion Black Cultural Center, the Ohio University Center for Engagement and Pride Center, and Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, the Athens NAACP, the Athens County Foundation, and the City's DEIA Coordinator.

Swank asked about any conflict with Ohio University's Concert Under the Elms.

McCarey confirmed that the College Green space has been reserved for the Juneteenth Celebration, clarifying that while the street closure is until 7:30 p.m., the celebration event is only from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Adoption was approved by a 6/1 vote; with Thomas abstaining due to a conflict of interest as a business owner in the area.

0-50-25

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHENS CITY CODE CHAPTER 11.04, VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, TO ALLOW VENDING IN A DESIGNATED AREA DURING THE COMMUNITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION. Spjeldnes moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-52-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2025 STREET PAVING AND REPAIRS PROJECT (#385). Spjeldnes indicated the following proposed streets for paving and repairs: portions of Columbus Rd., portions of Shafer, Mill St., Rardin, Terrace, Miller, Armory, and Lloyd; and proposed additional streets that may be included, dependent upon funding: Mary, Church, Montrose, Ondis, Della, portions of Mulligan, and portions of Longview Hts.

0-53-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO REDUCE 2025 YEAR-END APPROPRIATIONS.

0-54-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 115-24, AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND TRANSFER.

0-55-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved for Suspension of the Rules to meet the loan application deadline of May 15, 2025; Clodfelter seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Risner moved for Adoption;

McCarey seconded. Discussion: Swank asked about the loan rate.

Mayor Patterson indicated this is a no interest loan, along with a loan forgiveness which could amount to as much as \$8 million.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

At approximately 8:20 p.m. Swank moved to adjourn the meeting; McCarey seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council