



AGENDA
ATHENS CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

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PUBLIC HEARING: Recommendation from the Athens City Planning Commission to Rezone Portions of North Lancaster Street, Second Street, Columbia Avenue, and Columbus Road from Zones R-1 and B-2D to Zones R-2, B-1, and B-2

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

- Parking Garage Facility Improvements, Phase III (amend 0-35-23)
- HAPCAP (redesignate as contract administrator for the GoBus)
- Uptown Improvements Project #329 (repeal 0-91-23)
- Athens Streetscape Beautifications, Project #383 (amend 0-35-25)

Establish Quorum

Disposition of Minutes:

- Regular Session held November 3, 2025

Communications

Reports and Communications from Other Elected Officials

Ordinances for Third Reading:

0-112-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 23, ZONING, CHAPTER 23.04, PERMITTED USES, TO ALLOW TEMPORARY SHELTERS AS A PERMITTED USE IN AN R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AT 1, 5, AND 7 NORTH CONGRESS STREET.
Introduced by Council Member Swank

0-113-25

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PORTIONS OF NORTH LANCASTER STREET, SECOND

STREET, COLUMBIA AVENUE, AND COLUMBUS ROAD FROM ZONES R-1 AND B-2D TO ZONES R-2, B-1, AND B-2.

Introduced by Council Member Swank

0-115-25

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 CENTRAL AVENUE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELL SAID PROPERTY TO ANOTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

Introduced by Council Member McCarey

0-116-25

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 458 RICHLAND AVENUE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELL SAID PROPERTY TO ANOTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

Introduced by Council Member McCarey

0-117-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

Ordinances for Second Reading:

0-101-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS, WHERE NECESSARY, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER LINE ALONG JACOBS STREET FROM GRAHAM TO STONEYBROOK, PROJECT (#386).

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

0-114-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 115-24

0-119-25

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Introduced by Council Member Risner

0-120-25

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Introduced by the Finance and Personnel Committee

0-121-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2026 STAFFING LEVELS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by the Finance & Personnel Committee

0-122-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2026 NON-UNION COMPENSATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by the Finance & Personnel Committee

0-123-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICE CENTER TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S THIRD-PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR (TPA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

0-124-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GROUP EXCESS LOSS MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

0-125-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

0-126-25

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A THEN-AND-NOW CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

Ordinances for First Reading:

0-128-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 115-24; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 35-23; AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE III, PROJECT #362.

Introduced by Council Member Spjeldnes

0-129-25

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 91-23, THE UPTOWN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #329.

Introduced by Council Member Spjeldnes

0-130-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 35-25; AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATHENS STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION, PROJECT #383.

Introduced by Council Member Spjeldnes

0-131-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-DESIGNATE HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION (HAPCAP) TO ADMINISTER THE ATHENS PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS SYSTEM.

Introduced by Council Member Spjeldnes

0-132-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-DESIGNATE HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION (HAPCAP) AS CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE OHIO RURAL INTERCITY BUS PROGRAM (GoBUS).

Introduced by Council Member Spjeldnes

0-133-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7, TRAFFIC CODE, SECTIONS 7.01.02, 7.01.13, 7.01.17, 7.03.07, 7.03.07.1, 7.03.25, 7.04.03, AND 7.04.44; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

Introduced by Council Member Swank

0-134-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 9, GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 9.06, INTOXICATING LIQUORS; NARCOTICS, SECTION 9.06.99, PENALTIES.

Introduced by Council Member Swank

0-135-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13, GENERAL OFFENSES, SECTIONS 13.05.01 AND 13.05.03; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

Introduced by Council Member Swank

0-136-25

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 15, TAXES.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

0-137-25

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE GENERAL CITY INCOME TAX OF TWENTY HUNDREDTHS OF A PERCENT (.20%) PER ANNUM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027.

Introduced by the Finance & Personnel Committee

Resolutions for First Reading:

- **R-05-25**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Introduced by Council Member Risner

- **R-06-25**
A RESOLUTION TO PLACE THE ISSUE OF INCREASING THE CITY INCOME TAX BY TWENTY-HUNDREDTHS OF A PERCENT (.20%) PER ANNUM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT PRIMARY ELECTION ON MAY 5, 2026; AND DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ATHENS COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION.
Introduced by the Finance & Personnel Committee

Announcements & Other Business:

- Appointments and Reappointments to the Pedestrian Accessibility and Bicycle Task Force (appointed by City Council President)
- Confirmation of the Mayor's Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board
- Reappointments to the Income Tax Review Board

Opportunity for Citizens to Speak on Legislative Items and City Services Not Covered on the Agenda

Adjournment

Sam Crowl
President of Council

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