

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: President Knisely, Mayor Patterson, Auditor Hecht, City Prosecutor Branner.

APPOINT ACTING CLERK:

Fahl moved to appoint Councilman Butler as Acting Clerk for this session; Risner seconded. Appointment was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

0-138-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR USE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 59-12, AND EXTENDED BY ORDINANCES 135-12; 94-13; 143-13; 126-14; 113-15; AND 124-16; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fahl moved for Adoption; Papai seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-139-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATHENS A SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (SPPA) ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE AND CONSENT TO SPPA ASSIGNMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fahl moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously

0-143-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICE CENTER TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S THIRD PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR (TPA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-144-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STOP-LOSS MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved for Adoption; Papai seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-145-77

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO DEPOSIT 50% OF THE TRANSIENT GUEST TAX REVENUE COLLECTED FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, INTO THE TOURISM FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-146-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ATHENS COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-147-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ATHENS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-150-17

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

0-151-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2018 STAFFING LEVELS AND NON-UNION COMPENSATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved to amend to clean up discrepancies in language regarding employees whose hourly pay rate exceeds the maximum pay rate in his/her pay grade; Papai seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously.

0-152-17

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR NON-UNION PERSONNEL WITHIN THE CITY OF ATHENS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Risner moved to amend the Definitions in the Table of Contents

to include Elected Officials and to add New Hires to Section 20; Fahl seconded. Amendment was approved unanimously.

0-153-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 77-17, AUTHORIZING ARTS/WEST RENOVATIONS PROJECT (#314); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Butler moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to allow the project to be re-bid in December; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Butler moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Discussion: Butler outlined the renovations, many to improve ADA accessibility, updating new bathrooms, addressing outside entranceways, new flooring, etc. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-154-17

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS, OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT, AND FORFEITED AND ABANDONED BICYCLES, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

Fahl moved to adjourn at approximately 7:15 p.m.; McGee seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Acting Clerk of Council