

# ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

March 17, 2020

The Athens City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Burris presiding. The invocation was given by Mayor Burris; and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris

The following decisions were made and ordered made a part of the records of the Athens City Council.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of February 18, 2020 were submitted and approved by unanimous consent.

Council Member Pelley called for point of personal privilege. He advised the Council that he recently attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. and is looking forward to giving a full report at the April Study Session.

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Burris acknowledged receipt of an email from Marcie Hurley to the Athens Police Department expressing her appreciation of Athens Police Department for making the city a safer place to live.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

The recording clerk read the following items into the record:

- a.) Appoint Amy Goodin to fill vacancy on Council Advisory Committee (Council Member Lockmiller's representative), term expires March 21, 2023.
- b.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-13 Designating Fair Housing Month in the City of Athens.
- c.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-14 authorizing the City to make application and receive funds in the FY2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.
- d.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-15 authorizing submission of grant application through the Governor's Highway Safety Program.
- e.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-16 authorizing City to enter into contract with Kimley-Horn for Park Master Plan Consulting Services.
- f.) Approve Resolution No. 2020-17 amending Committee Appointment Policy to allow citizens to regain eligibility to serve on board or commission after two years.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Pelley, to approve items a.) through e.) on the Consent Agenda and postpone item f.) to the April Study Session for further discussion. Vice Mayor Perkinson stated he was not opposed to the proposed resolution but felt further discussion was needed. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES:** Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris  
**NAYS:** Coker

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ORDINANCES

NONE

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

CITY OF ATHENS BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Finance Director Mike Keith submitted the second budget amendment of the year. Based on the fund balance policy approved by the City Council on February 18, 2020, there is \$750,000 available to transfer to the Capital Projects Fund from the General Fund. This request would increase the budget for this transfer in the General Fund. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkinson, seconded by Council Member Lockmiller, to approve the City of Athens Budget Amendment No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

**AYES: Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris**  
**NAYS: None**

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DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS ITEMS

Finance Director Mike Keith presented a list of items to be declared surplus and sold, disposed of or recycled. **A motion was made by Council Member Lockmiller, seconded by Council Member Coker, to declare items, as outlined in memorandum from Finance Director Mike Keith dated March 11, 2020, surplus and sold, disposed of or recycled.** Upon roll call, the motion was approved by the following vote:

**AYES: Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris**  
**NAYS: None**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HUNGER COALITION FOR USAGE OF COMMUNITY PLANTERS AT CITY PARK GARDENS

The caption of Resolution No. 2020-18 was read by the recording clerk. **Motion was made by Council Member Pelley, seconded by Council Member Coker, to approve Resolution No. 2020-18.** Upon roll call, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

**AYES: Coker, Lockmiller, Pelley, Perkinson, Burris**  
**NAYS: None**

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REPORTS

ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS QUARTERLY REPORT

Dr. Melanie Miller, Superintendent of the Athens City Schools, presented the City Council with her quarterly update.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Mike Keith, Finance Director, presented the Finance Department Report for the month of February 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth presented the Fire Department Report for the month of February 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Cliff Couch presented the Police Department Report for the month of February 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

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REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

Linda Long, 302 Kilgore Street, made a request for swings, including tire swings, at both Heritage and Cook Parks.

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Sumner reviewed his monthly report including the various Parks and Recreation and Public Works projects and activities going on throughout the city.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

  
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C. SETH SUMNER, City Manager  
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CHARLES T. BURRIS, II, Mayor