

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Mayor and Commission
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:00 P.M.
City Hall

The Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in regular monthly session. Present: Mayor Denson; Commissioners Sims, Link, Wright, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby. Absent: Commissioner Dickerson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Written communications

There were no written communications.

Public hearing and deliberation on recommendations from the Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission

A public hearing was held on request of Williams and Associates for Rockwood Cottages, LLC for rezoning from RS-25 (Single-Family Residential) to RS-8 (Single-Family Residential, Planned Development) on 32.83 acres known as 825 Epps Bridge Parkway. Proposed use is single-family attached residential. Type II

Planning Commission recommendation: Denial (5-2)

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Scott Haynes, Williams and Associates representing petitioner – requested applicant be allowed to withdraw the petition
2. Jane Sullivan, St. Ives Home Owners Association - opposed
3. Carl Jordan, 185 Kings Road – opposed
4. Mike Oaks, 665 St. Ives Drive – opposed
5. Annette Jordan, General Manager of Iris Place – opposed
6. Pete Konencamp, Holly Hills Subdivision Home Owners Association, 221 Tawnyberry Drive – opposed

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to approve request of Williams and Associates for Rockwood Cottages, LLC for withdrawal of their request for rezoning from RS-25 (Single-Family Residential) to RS-8 (Single-Family Residential, Planned Development) on 32.83 acres known as 825 Epps Bridge Parkway. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A public hearing was held on proposed text amendment with reference to public notice.

Planning Commission recommendation: Approval (unanimous)

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to adopt the following ordinance (#17-04-21) which was presented by title only. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURES—PUBLIC NOTICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9-4-9 entitled "*Public notice*" of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, subsection E. 2. thereof is hereby amended by deleting subsection E. 2. in its entirety and substituting the following subsection E. 2. in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 9-4-9. – Public Notice.

"2. The notice shall contain the following information:

"a. The date, time, place and purpose of the public hearing.

"b. If the planning action is for the rezoning of property or for a special use permit, the notice shall state both the present zoning classification and the proposed zoning classification.

"c. If the rezoning or special use permit application is initiated by a party other than Athens-Clarke County, then the notice shall also contain the location of the property by street address and tax map number."

SECTION 2. Section 9-4-9 entitled "*Public notice*" of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, subsection E. 3. thereof is hereby amended by deleting subsection E. 3. in its entirety and substituting the following subsection E. 3. in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 9-4-9. – Public Notice.

"3. If the rezoning or special use permit application is initiated by a party other than Athens-Clarke County, then, in addition to the required legal ad, notice shall be posted on the subject property by the planning department at least 15 days, but not more than 45 days, prior to the date of the public hearing before the Athens-Clarke County Mayor and Commission.

"a. The posted notice required above shall contain the following information:

1. The date, time, place and purpose of the public hearing.

2. The present zoning classification and the proposed zoning classification.

3. The location of the property by street address and tax map number.

4. The planning department contact information.

"b. The posted notice shall be on a sign placed conspicuously on the property at the right-of-way so as to be visible to the public. The planning department employee posting the sign shall certify, for the record of the hearing, that the posting was accomplished. Such signs shall remain posted until final action has been taken by the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County. Athens-Clarke County will use its best efforts to replace any removed or fallen sign that has been reported. The failure of the posted sign to remain on the property shall not invalidate the proceedings."

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Old business - Consent

Items under this section were discussed at prior public meetings and were presented for consideration as a single item. Only one vote was taken.

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Luke Turner, 434 Forest Heights Drive – opposed wrecker services contracts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to consent to action on the following 11 items. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. ADOPT: The following ordinance (#17-04-22) which was presented by title only; and approve acceptance of grant funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Council of Accountability Court Judges as per agenda report dated March 1, 2017.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY2017 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING, IF AWARDED, FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the Grants Special Revenue Fund to provide grant funding, if awarded, from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council towards expenses related to medication assisted treatment. Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

Grants Special Revenue Fund:

Revenues:

Increase:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant \$91,500

Expenditures:

Increase:

State Court- DUI/Drug Court Operating Expenses \$91,500

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

- ADOPT: The following resolution for the Stepping Up Initiative that indicates commitment to the requirements of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program; approve the Superior Court's Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant proposal for and, if awarded, acceptance of grant funds up to \$650,000; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents as per agenda report dated March 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION

“Stepping Up” to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year;

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general public;

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders;

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and, upon release, are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders;

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs;

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families;

WHEREAS, Athens-Clarke County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways;

WHEREAS, Athens-Clarke County leaders convene as part of a Justice and Mental Health Collaborative to produce better outcomes for people with mental health issues encountering the criminal justice system;

WHEREAS, local data indicates that adults with mental illnesses represent nearly 40% of those booked into Athens-Clarke County Jail; and

WHEREAS, through Stepping Up, the National Association of Counties, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private, and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT I, Nancy B. Denson, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and the Commission do hereby sign on to the Call to

Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our local jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other jurisdictions in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all local officials, employees, and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through Stepping Up to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels;
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community;
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers;
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan; and
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

3. ADOPT: The following resolution authorizing the acquisition of water line easements required to facilitate the construction of the Project for the Water Line Extension, "Calvin Street to Sandy Springs Drive Project." (SPLOST 2005) as per agenda report dated February 22, 2017; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related easement documents.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY:

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (the "Unified Government") by and through its Public Utilities Department (the "Department") owns and operates a public water treatment and distribution system, and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government has undertaken a master project that is funded by special purpose local option sales tax revenues to extend water lines and related equipment and fixtures to certain parts of the County not presently served by public water service, and

WHEREAS, as a part of such master project, the Unified Government has commenced a project identified as the "SPLOST 2005, Project 001—Group C, Phase 03, Waterline Extension, Calvin Street to Sandy Springs Drive Project" (the "Project") as shown on plat entitled "Permanent Easement Survey for Athens-Clarke County Public Water and Sewer, Calvin Street to Sandy Springs Drive," dated February 23, 2016, last revised August 31, 2016, made by Tim Wilkes, Georgia registered land surveyor (the "Project Survey"), attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of construction and installation of water lines and related fixtures and equipment as part of the Project, the Unified Government has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to acquire, without delay, certain easement rights that are necessary to undertake the Project, and

WHEREAS, such construction as aforesaid, as soon as possible, being in the public interest of the citizens of Athens-Clarke County, and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph V of the Constitution of the State of Georgia authorizes local governments to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land in fee simple, or in any lesser interest, for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-3-140 of the Official Code of Georgia, the Unified Government is authorized to acquire land, in fee simple, or in any lesser interest, under the procedures set forth in Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia (the "Eminent Domain Procedures"); and

WHEREAS, the Project does not involve the location, construction, or improvement of a highway or highways in Athens-Clarke County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County desire to approve the use of the necessary Eminent Domain Procedures to acquire any property interests needed to complete the Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is resolved, that the Unified Government finds that the limits of the Project as required easements as shown on the Project Survey are hereby approved and that the Project is necessary to serve a public purpose, and in furtherance of that public purpose, that the necessary permanent easements, temporary construction easements, or any lesser interest as shown on the Project Survey, be acquired by voluntary negotiation and sale. The Unified Government has determined, in the event that the necessary property rights described herein cannot be acquired by voluntary negotiation and sale, to use its power of eminent domain to acquire the necessary property rights described herein through the condemnation process. The acquisition shall proceed under Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia, as the project schedule of completion requires acquisition of all parcels quickly and without delay. Time is of the essence.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unified Government and the Department, and the employees and agents thereof, may negotiate for and acquire the property needed for the Project by gift, sale, or condemnation, and that the Attorney and other proper agents of the Unified Government, including but not limited to Special Counsel Gregory C. Sowell, Esq. of the firm of Cook and Tolley, LLP, are hereby directed to prepare the necessary deeds, easements, closing documents, petitions, declarations of taking, orders, and any other documents required to effectuate the foregoing.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Manager, the Attorney, Special Counsel, and other agents as aforesaid, are authorized to sign any of the documents referenced in the preceding paragraph on behalf of the governing authority of the Unified Government to complete the acquisition of the property required for this project.

4. APPROVE: The traffic calming plan to install three speed tables on Brooklyn Road under the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated February 27, 2017.
5. APPROVE: The traffic calming plan to install three speed tables on Plantation Drive under the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated February 27, 2017.
6. APPROVE: Declaration of front end load truck #30-40-503 as surplus as per agenda report dated February 27, 2017; approve the sale of front end load truck #30-40-503 to Oglethorpe County for \$45,000; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.
7. APPROVE: Lease agreements with FMO Real Estate, LLC for Fairway billboards located at 2470 Jefferson Road as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated March 1, 2017 and 2665 Lexington Road as per Attachment #2 of said agenda report; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.
8. APPROVE: Georgia Accountability Court Funding Program grants – Western Judicial Circuit as per agenda report dated March 1, 2017:
 - a. Authorize Superior Court to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for an Accountability Court Grant in an amount of \$100,000 to continue current funding of Felony Drug Court;
 - b. Authorize Superior Court to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for an Accountability Court Grant in an amount of \$100,000 to continue current funding of Treatment and Accountability Court;

- c. Authorize Superior Court to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for an Accountability Court Grant in an amount of \$87,000 to continue current funding of Veterans Court;
 - d. Authorize State Court to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for an Accountability Court Grant in an amount of \$68,000 to continue current funding of DUI/Drug Court;
 - e. Authorize Juvenile Court to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for an Accountability Court Grant in an amount of \$145,000 to continue current funding of Family Dependency Treatment Court;
 - f. Authorize staff to accept the grant funds, if awarded; and
 - g. Authorize the Mayor, Superior Court Judges, State Court Judge, Juvenile Court Judge and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.
9. APPROVE: The Superior Court's Bureau of Justice Assistance grant application for and, if awarded, acceptance of Second Chance Reentry grant funds up to \$650,000 as per agenda report dated March 1, 2017; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.
10. APPROVE: Submittal of an FY18 grant application in the amount of approximately \$150,000 to continue evidence-based or evidence-informed program models that have been shown to reduce juvenile recidivism as per agenda report dated March 1, 2017; authorize staff to accept the grant funds, if awarded; and authorize the Mayor, Juvenile Court Judge, and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.
11. APPROVE: Reappointments to the Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission for a five-year term expiring 12-31-21.

Mack Duncan

Susie Haggard

Public hearing and deliberation on FY18 Community Development Block Grant

A public hearing was held on FY18 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan for the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to

- a. Approve the proposed FY18 Annual Action Plan for submission to HUD as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated March 1, 2017;
- b. Authorize acceptance of the associated HUD Grant Awards;
- c. Authorize FY17 carry-forward sub-recipient balances; and
- d. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate Athens-Clarke County staff to execute all related contracts and documents

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen input on old and new business

The following citizen input was received.

1. Chris Dowd, 245 North Harris Street – supported pavement maintenance project
2. Mae Walter, 210 Morningview Drive – supported grant to Athens Neighborhood Health Center
3. Elliott Caldwell, 470 Pine Needle Road – supported complete streets
4. Tyler Dewey, 1075 West Broad Street – supported complete streets
5. Carl Jordan, 185 Kings Road – supported complete streets

Old business – Discussion

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to approve contracts for Barrett's Towing, Shuman's Wrecker Service and other wrecker services as described in agenda report dated March 1, 2017 to provide wrecker services for police-initiated tows; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the list of roadways and associated maintenance activities recommended for inclusion in the FY18 Pavement Maintenance Project (PMP) as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated March 1, 2017 with the request that staff evaluate the possibility of bike lanes on all listed roadways over 28 feet in width; and adopt the following project resolution as shown in Attachment #3 of said agenda report authorizing the Mayor and appropriate staff to sign all related contracts, documents, and certifications associated with funding for this project. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION
FY 2018 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County have specifically determined and found that it is in the public interest to perform preventive maintenance, rehabilitation or reconstruction on approximately 171 (One Hundred seventy one) lane miles of locally maintained roads (hereinafter referred to as "the project"); and

WHEREAS, the said project will include funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, SPLOST 2011 Project # 26, and the FY16 General Fund for a total construction budget not to exceed \$3,613,634 and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County have further found that the project is necessary and appropriate for the protection of public safety and serves the general welfare of Athens-Clarke County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this project is authorized and approved as an official project of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk of Commission, and Manager, or their lawful designees, are hereby expressly authorized to initiate, certify, and sign all documents and to perform all lawful acts necessary to secure funds from the State of Georgia, or the United States of America, or from any department, agency, or subdivision thereof or from any private individual or entity, to defray, in whole or in part, the cost of the said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manager or his lawful designees are hereby expressly authorized to acquire appropriate interest or title to all real estate necessary for the reasonable execution of said project, by any means allowed by law including, without limitation, the exercise on behalf of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, of the power of eminent domain;

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the Manager or his lawful designees are hereby authorized to employ or contract for the professional services of attorneys, accountants, engineers, architects, appraisers, sureties, indemnitors, actuaries, and other professional consultants necessary for the plan, design, construction, execution, and general management of the said project; and,

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the Manager or his lawful designees are hereby authorized to seek bids or competitive proposals in the newspaper, on radio stations and television stations, or by other means as they deem appropriate or as may be required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk of Commission, and Manager or their lawful designees are hereby authorized to execute and file all documents and certifications necessary for the proper completion of the said project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the 2017 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Off-System Safety (LMIG-OSS) program project list, as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated March 16, 2017; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to apply for LMIG Off-System Safety Program funding using the Georgia Department of Transportation application shown in Attachment #2 of said agenda report. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to determine that downtown Athens will be the venue for the July 4th fireworks event; adopt the following ordinance (#17-04-23) which was presented by title only approving the allocation of general fund contingency for the Leisure Services Department to conduct the Star Spangled Classic fireworks show on or near the July 4 holiday; and authorize staff to execute a required contract with a pyrotechnics vendor. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO LEISURE SERVICES FOR A JULY 4TH FIREWORKS EVENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the General Fund to provide funding for operating expenses to Leisure Services for a July 4th fireworks show. Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

General Fund:

INCREASE:

Leisure Services:	
Other Operating Expenses	\$63,150

DECREASE:

Other General Administration:	
Operating Contingency	(\$63,150)

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to suspend Rules of Commission for consideration of one item of new business. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Girtz, to approve the allocation of \$75,000 of general fund contingency for the purpose of an emergency reimbursable grant for the Athens Neighborhood Health Center; authorize the Mayor and staff to execute an agreement to accomplish this purpose; and adopt the following ordinance (#17-04-24) which was presented by title only. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDING TO THE ATHENS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the General Fund to provide emergency assistance funding to the Athens Neighborhood Health Center. Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

General Fund:

INCREASE:

Independent Agencies:
Athens Neighborhood Health Center \$75,000

DECREASE:

Other General Administration:
Operating Contingency (\$75,000)

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Citizen input on items other than those listed on the agenda

The following citizen input was received.

1. Bob Gadd, 134 Melton Road, Winterville – concerned about ambulance response time
2. Sam Rafal, 230 Spalding Circle – concerned about ambulance response time
3. Mary Bagby, 1442 East Broad Street – concerned about animal control issues
4. James Bell, Georgia Care Project, Lithia Springs – supported parallel ordinance
5. Skip Eckert, Dewey Rose – supported parallel ordinance
6. Nathan Watson, 200 Old Princeton Road – supported parallel ordinance
7. Josh Wade, Athens Care founder, 86 North Avenue #44 – supported parallel ordinance
8. Larry Moon, 137 Holly Hills Court – needs assistance with animal control in neighborhood
9. Kelly Tims, 1000 Lakeside Drive – supported parallel ordinance
10. Chris Dowd, 245 North Harris Street #2 – supported parallel ordinance and alternative transportation
11. James Moyer, 394 Oconee Street – supported regulations on plastic bags
12. Alice Hilton, 182 Nacoochee Avenue – supported regulation on single use disposable items
13. Jordan Hogby, 86 North Avenue #42 – supported parallel ordinance
14. Rebecca Isavelant, Athens Care, 909 East Broad Street #303 – supported parallel ordinance

FROM MAYOR DENSON:

1. Announced the following appointments to the Athens Housing Authority.

James C. Smith – reappointment five-year term ending 5-31-22

Patricia Stephens – resident appointment for the current unexpired one-year term ending May 31, 2017 and for the concurrent one-year term ending May 31, 2018
2. Announced Adopt A Highway proclamations will be issued recognizing participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Athens Fit Body Boot Camp
Beta Epsilon Chi
R&L Professional Services
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

3. Expressed appreciation to those reappointed to the Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission.

FROM MANAGER WILLIAMS:

1. Received for information was a report of contract awards in excess of \$10,000 for February 2017.

FROM COMMISSIONERS BAILEY, WRIGHT, LINK, SIMS, HAMBY, AND NESMITH:

1. Requested update on dog control problems reported on East Broad Street and Holly Hills Subdivision.

FROM COMMISSIONER LINK:

1. Supported plastic bag fee.
2. Supported parallel ordinance.

FROM COMMISSIONER GIRTZ:

1. Requested consideration of tax freeze for citizens over 65 based on age/income.

FROM COMMISSIONER HEROD:

1. Stated April 11 work session will include a review of EMS provider.
2. Requested enforcement of crosswalk on Whit Davis Road.

FROM COMMISSIONER HAMBY:

1. Requested review of Epps Bridge Road/Atlanta Highway intersection to provide for a right-turn option.
2. Invited everyone to attend the April 20 Envision Athens community summit.

FROM COMMISSIONER NESMITH:

1. Stated the Legislative Review Committee is currently reviewing the animal control ordinance.
2. Requested data on EMS response time.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to enter into executive session for discussion of real estate acquisition or disposition. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Clerk of Commission