



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Council Advisory Committee Report for April 21, 2026

V. DISCUSSION

A. Athens City School FY 2026-27 Budget Presentation

B. Creation of Marketing, Branding, and Signage Design for the City

C. Private Chapter No. 46, House Bill No. 2637/Senate Bill No. 2699, Relative to the City of Athens Charter Provision Concerning Compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers

D. Further discussion of Ordinance 1152, an Ordinance to Amend Title 17, Chapter II, Sections 17-43 and 17-44 per the Athens City Code Relative to Refuse Collection and Disposal Service Charges and the Method of Collecting Service Charges

E. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1151, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending Title 8, Chapter III (Beer), to Add "Craft Beer Restaurant" as a Classification of Beer Permit and Amending the Athens Zoning Ordinance to Add a Craft Beer Restaurant Land Use and to Permit Accessory On-Site Beer Manufacturing in Certain Business Districts Subject to Standards

F. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1154, an Ordinance of the City of Athens, Tennessee, Amending the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the City Of Athens, Tennessee, Section 4.03.03, Commercial Land Uses (Minimum), and Section 4.03.07, Commercial Land Uses (Maximum), to add Off-Street Parking Requirements for a Drive-Thru Oil Change Facility with Minor Auto Service Without Overnight Storage of Vehicles

G. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 1155, an Ordinance to Amend the Budget for the City of Athens, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

- H. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Title 9, Chapter V of the Athens City Code by deleting the existing Chapter V, “Wrecker and Towing Service,” in its Entirety and Replacing it with a New Chapter V, “Towing Services”; to Establish Regulations, permitting requirements, rotation procedures, insurance requirements, Fee Limitations, Recordkeeping Requirements, and enforcement procedures for towing services requested by the Athens Police Department.
- I. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend ‘The Zoning Ordinance of The City of Athens, Tennessee, so as to Amend The Official Zoning Map to Rezone A 3-Acre Parcel Created from the 50-Acre Developed Parent Tract Shown as Tax Map 046 Parcel 049.00 Located on Denso Drive and George R. Price Boulevard From I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) To B-3 (Intensive Business District), Said Area Being Located Within The Corporate Limits of Athens, Tennessee.
- J. Resolution 2026-16, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Athens, Tennessee, to Apply for Funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Through the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Program for Improvements to the Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike Intersections and Adjoining Corridor.
- K. Proposal from Gresham Smith Engineers to Design and Prepare Construction Documents to Complete the Sidewalk Loop Around McMinn County High School
- L. Additional Parking at Cook Park
- M. Review and Discussion of the FY 2026-27 Proposed City Budget
- N. Councilmember Items
 - 1. Mayor Eaton
 - i. Status of Legal Issues
 - 2. Councilmember Sherlin
 - i. Creating a Public Trust in the North City

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- A. No Applications on File.
 - 1. Board of Adjustments & Appeals – 1 Vacancy (alternate)
 - 2. Historic Preservation Commission – 1 Vacancy (an architect, if available (MZO 3.04.14(B))
- B. Expiring in June 2026
 - 1. Recreation Advisory Board (3)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT