



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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#### COUNCIL NIGHT OUT SERIES CONTINUES ON OCTOBER 7TH

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – September 22, 2021 – The next session of the Council Night Out series is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM, at the playground next to North City Elementary. The series is an ongoing initiative of events set in neighborhoods across the Friendly City that seek to bring the community closer together with the opportunity for citizens to interact with their elected council members. The first in this series was held on July 1st at Heritage Park, the second session was held on August 24th, at the McMinn Senior Activity Center.

City Manager C. Seth Sumner stated, “The Athens City Council is providing new ways to meet with citizens where they are – visiting neighborhoods across the city – to continue their outreach. Under the direction of the Council, not only can citizens meet one on one with their Council Members, but we have also developed a new online, or paper, form to capture citizen requests. This best helps keep everyone informed and allows staff the opportunity to address requests in a more efficient manner. I hope citizens take advantage of the opportunities we have to share their hopes and dreams with their elected officials.”

#### **About the Location**

Adjacent to the playground is a vacant lot that was once the location of North City pool, one of four (4) municipal pools that served the citizens of Athens for over fifty (50) years, and continued to host the city’s Learn 2 Swim program until the pool was eventually closed.

For questions regarding the Council Night Out event, please contact the Office of the City Manager at (423) 744-2700 Option 9.