

Regular City Council Meeting September 25, 2018 (Tuesday, September 25, 2018)

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Council Members present

Councilman Jeff Doherty, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilman Adam Loos, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, and Mayor Pro Tem Carolin Harvey

Council Members absent

Mayor John M. Henry

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 **Roll Call**

Procedural: 1.2 **Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**

Councilman Loos commended the City for its Facebook page.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced that the Eleven Days for Peace is ongoing through October 1; she expressed thanks to Librarian Diana Sussman Brawley for her efforts with this schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Harvey announced Hispanic Heritage month extends through October 15 and that the African American Museum is sponsoring Sounds of Soul, an Aretha Franklin tribute on Friday at the Civic Center

Assistant Fire Chief Steve McBride was recognized for his years of service to the City of Carbondale; action on the Resolution commending him will be acting on in the Consent Agenda.

Procedural: 1.3 **Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Barry Spehn asked the Council to look into amending the Towing Ordinance to require owners to call in for vehicle towing; further, he recommended identification numbers to be placed on City vehicles.

Jerrold Hennrich asked about the reason for changes in security measures in City Hall.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

None

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 3.1 **Approval of Minutes from the City Council Meeting of September 11, 2018**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting from September 11, 2018

Action (Consent): 3.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 08/27/2018 for the FY 2019 Warrant 1337 in the Total Amount of \$589,553.06

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 08/27/2018 totaling \$589,553.06 (*Exhibit A-09-25-2018*)

Action (Consent): 3.3 Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Resolution: Accept the approved meeting minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees and place them on file.

Action (Consent): 3.4 Resolution Commending Harvey Welch, Jr. for Over 40 Years of Service to the City of Carbondale

Resolution: Approve the Resolution commending Harvey Welch, Jr. for over 40 years of service to the City of Carbondale (*Resolution 2018-R-33; Exhibit B-09-25-2018*)

Action (Consent): 3.5 Request from Carbondale Main Street Declaring Fair Days at the Washington Street Venue during the Carbondale Halloween Festival on October 27, 2018

Resolution: Approve a Resolution Declaring Fair Days at the Washington Street Venue during the Carbondale Halloween Festival on October 27, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 11:59 p.m. (*Resolution 2018-R-35; Exhibit C-09-25-2018*)

Action (Consent): 3.6 Resolution Commending Steve McBride for Service to the City of Carbondale

Resolution: Approve the Resolution commending Steve McBride for service to the City of Carbondale (*Resolution 2018-R-34; Exhibit D-09-25-2018*)

Action (Consent): 3.7 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Elius Reed inquired about the City's budget for Halloween.

MOTION: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Motion by Jessica Bradshaw, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Carolin Harvey

4. General Business of the City Council

Action: 4.1 **Resolution Permitting the Public Possession and Consumption of Alcohol within the Downtown Area during the Carbondale Halloween Festival on October 27, 2018**

MOTION: Approve a Resolution Suspending the Enforcement of the Ordinance Prohibiting Public Possession and Public Consumption of Alcohol within the Downtown Area during the Carbondale Halloween Festival on October 27, 2018

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Jessica Bradshaw.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Carolin Harvey
(*Resolution 2018-R-36; Exhibit E-09-25-2018*)

Discussion: 4.2 City Council Discussion of Proposed Changes to Title 4 of the Carbondale Revised Code as it Relates to the Mandatory Rental Inspection Program

Building and Neighborhood Services Supervisor John Lenzini provided additional details beyond the background of the item and responded to Council inquiries.

Council inquired about the success rate under the 3-year cycle, whether the fee covers the costs of the program, questions regarding the software, whether surprise visits occur, how vacant rentals are addressed, fees charged for vacation rentals, what differences were noted between different types of landlords, logistics about the proposal regarding change of ownership, the ability to generate certain reports, inquiries about the issuance of citations, specifics about inspecting large units, questions about violation forms, tenant protections in the Code, and questions about the billing of the annual fee; the comments included the history of the MRIP, individual preferences with regard to the alternatives presented, establishing an accelerated inspection cycle for problem properties, a need to ensure consistency with enforcement, prospective changes to the City Code, increasing the fee, and charging reinspection fees.

Jerrold Hennrich asked how many citations are issued, what revenue they generate, and how new residents are informed about their services.

5. Executive Session

Action: 5.1 Vote to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body

MOTION: Hold an Executive Session to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body, as permitted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (*Open Session recessed at 7:17 p.m.*)

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Navreet Kang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Carolin Harvey

Action: 5.2 Motion to Return to Open Session

MOTION: Return to Open Session.

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Navreet Kang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Carolin Harvey
At 7:47 p.m., Open Session resumed

6. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting
Procedural: 6.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date