

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2004

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Mayor Brad Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Margaret Flanagan, Councilman Steven N. Haynes, Councilman Lance D. Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: Councilman Chris Wissmann

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Jeffrey W. Doherty and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Councilwoman McDaniel announced that Shagbark Girl Scouts would be delivering cookies beginning on February 24th and asked all drivers to watch out for the scouts.

Councilman Haynes congratulated the Carbondale Terrier Basketball Team for being ranked #8 in the State of Illinois.

Councilwoman Simon congratulated the Carbondale Police Department on receipt of another Violence Against Women Grant and its continuing commitment to addressing issues of domestic violence.

Mayor Cole proclaimed February 15-21 as "National Patriotism Week" and presented the proclamation to Darren Stearns of the Elks Lodge.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Mr. Bill Perk read a letter from Norm Kurland of the Center for Economic and Social Justice summarizing the presentation he made at the Civic Center on February 12 and noting that state legislation had been introduced which would create a Community Investment Corporation. Perk also questioned the whereabouts of Mayor Cole when Mr. Kurland visited the Mayor's Office on the day of the presentation; Mayor Cole responded that he was attending a funeral visitation that afternoon.

Mr. Kenneth Isom asked about plans for the use of the former Lincoln Middle School adding that it would be a good location for a shelter, a halfway house for parolees, a community gymnasium or a daycare center. He encouraged the use as a multipurpose facility.

4. Consent Agenda

Presented for Council approval on the Consent Agenda were the following items and corresponding recommendations:

1. Approval of Minutes. Recommendation: Approve minutes of the Regular City Council meeting and Public Hearing on the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project, both held on February 3, 2004, and the Special City Council meeting of February 9, 2004.
2. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Human Relations Commission of January 12, 2004 and Library Board of December 10, 2003.
3. Resolution accepting Illinois Housing Authority Homebuyer Grant. Recommendation: Approve Resolution accepting Homebuyer Grant from IHDA and authorizing the execution of grant documents. (Res. 2004-R-12; Exhibit A-2-17-04)
4. Award of contract for Sunset Bridge Repair/Sidewalk Improvements, CIP No. SW0401. Recommendation: Award contract to E.T. Simonds Construction Company in the amount of \$94,095.53.
5. Resolution approving Amendment to the final BPL, Planned Business, Development Plan for MFS Enterprises at 695 N. Giant City Road. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2004-R-13; Exhibit B-2-17-04)
6. IML Legislative Bulletin 2004-02. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
7. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #915 for the period ended February 13, 2004, in the amount of \$955,514.77. (Exhibit C-2-17-04)
8. Authorization for City Manager to submit Application for Continued Funding of the Violence Against Women Act Grant. Recommendation: Authorize City Manager to apply for the grant for continued funding of the City's Domestic Violence Program.

Mayor Cole asked if anyone would like any items removed from the Consent Agenda. There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

S. Simon moved, M. Flanagan seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.8. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5. Public Hearings

6. General Business

1. Resolution Supporting the Renaming of the Carbondale Federal Building as the Senator Paul Simon Federal Building:

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve a Resolution supporting the renaming of the Federal Building located at 250 S. Cherry Street, Carbondale, Illinois, as the Senator Paul Simon Federal Building. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2004-R-14; Exhibit D-2-17-04)

2. Ordinance Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1; an Ordinance Designating Redevelopment Project Area No. 1; and an Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1:

M. Flanagan moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council approve an Ordinance Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1; an Ordinance Designating Redevelopment Project Area No. 1; and an Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1. DISCUSSION: Mr. Richard Hayes asked a question concerning the District; Mr. Jim Myers spoke in support of the District. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ords. 2004-09, 2004-10 and 2004-11 respectively; Exhibits E-2-17-04, F-2-17-04 and G-2-17-04 respectively)

3. Funding the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center:

S. Simon moved, L. Jack seconded, that (1) the City of Carbondale will terminate its administration of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center on July 31, 2004; (2) the City Manager is directed to aggressively request proposals from non-City entities for the operation of a child care center at the Eurma C. Hayes Center beginning August 1, 2004; (3) as an incentive for a child care provider, the City will offer the rental of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care facility and equipment at no cost to the provider; (4) the City Manager is directed to prepare the FY 2005 City Budget based on the City's current financial support and administration of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center ending on July 31, 2004 and the child care facility's rent to the Rental Properties Fund after August 1, 2004, is to be paid by the General Fund; and (5) the City Manager is directed to provide assistance to the current Child Care Center employees in their transition from employment in their current Child Care Center positions including encouraging any potential child care providers in the Eurma C. Hayes Center to hire employees. DISCUSSION: Speaking in support of the City continuing funding and operation of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care center were Charles Howe, Elbert Simon, Connie Clutts Feirich, Helen Porter, Brittany Threlkeld, Pastor Rick Jackson, Evelyn Koine, Richard Whitney, John Holmes, Karen Hustedt, Rodney Morris, M Stalls, Shivana Henry, Tyler Powell (son of Kim Powell), Betty Taylor, Margaret Nesbitt and Richard Hayes.

After a brief recess, the Mayor offered an alternative proposal for Council consideration. At the Mayor's request, Councilwoman Simon and Councilman Jack rescinded their motion and second, respectively.

S. Simon moved, M. Flanagan seconded, that (1) the City Manager is directed to aggressively request proposals from non-City entities for the operation of a child care center at the Eurma C. Hayes Center and that as an incentive for a child care provider that the City will offer the rental of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center facility and equipment at no cost to that provider; (2) the Manager is directed to prepare the FY 2005 City budget based on the City's current financial support and administration of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center; and (3) the

Mayor will immediately name a review panel to issue a final report on the viability of the child care program, due to the Mayor and Council by no later than July 1, 2004; that all recommendations that are found within that report must be able to be implemented by January 1, 2005, to the level of satisfaction of this Council, and that the Council will act on those recommendations at its earliest opportunity following the submission of the report. DISCUSSION: Council members presented their positions on the matter of the child care center including their positions on the new proposal presented by the Mayor. In addition, at Councilman Haynes' request City Attorney Deborah Nelson affirmed that Councilman Haynes does not have a conflict of interest in voting although his mother is the Director of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center. VOTE ON MOTION: Ayes: M. Flanagan, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: S. Haynes. Motion declared carried.

4. Consideration of Community and Economic Development Organization Funding Requests:

Mayor Cole presented recommendations for tentative FY 2005 funding of various community organizations, as follows: Attucks Community Services Board, \$62,779; Senior Adult Services, \$30,747; Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (Youth Services Program), \$11,156; The Women's Center, \$11,253; Carbondale Community Arts, \$49,500; Abundant Health Resource Clinic, \$26,637; Good Samaritan Ministries, \$15,135; The Science Center, \$9,000; New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Summer Food Program), \$4,000; Carbondale Junior Sports, \$1,500; Carbondale Lions Club Fireworks, \$2,000; and the Southern Illinois Center for a Sustainable Future, \$2,200.

Speaking on behalf of their respective agencies/organizations were: Deloris Albritton, Attucks Community Services Board; Henry Long, Senior Adult Services; Karen Freitag, Southern Illinois Regional Social Services; Camille Dorris, Women's Center; Nancy Stemper, Carbondale Community Arts; Bill Sherwood, Abundant Health Resource Clinic; Susan Metcalf, Good Samaritan Ministries; Pamela Madden, The Science Center; Leanor Lewis, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church; Deb Gray, Carbondale Junior Sports; and Kris Schachel, Southern Illinois Center for a Sustainable Future. There was no one present from the Lions Club.

Councilman Haynes asked that Southern Illinois Regional Social Services be voted upon separately. Councilman Jack asked that Good Samaritan Ministries be voted upon separately.

C. McDaniel moved, M. Flanagan seconded, that the Council establish tentative funding levels for community organizations in FY 2005 in the following amounts: Attucks Community Services Board, \$62,779; Senior Adult Services, \$30,747; The Women's Center, \$11,253; Carbondale Community Arts, \$49,500; Abundant Health Resource Clinic, \$26,637; The Science Center, \$9,000; New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Summer Food Program), \$4,000; Carbondale Junior Sports, \$1,500; Carbondale Lions Club Fireworks, \$2,000; and the Southern Illinois Center for a Sustainable Future, \$2,200. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council establish a tentative funding level for FY 2005 for Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (Youth Services Program) in the amount of \$11,156. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Abstentions: S. Haynes. Motion declared carried.

In response to L. Jack's inquiry, Susan Metcalf of Good Samaritan Ministries said the additional funding requested in their funding request would be used to pay the required minimum wage to a staff person at the shelter. L. Jack moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council establish a tentative funding level for FY 2005 for Good Samaritan Ministries in the full amount of \$18,560 as requested in their proposal. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

Mayor Cole presented the funding recommendation for Carbondale Community Teen Center, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000 from the FY 2004 Agencies and Organizations Division Contingency and the tentative funding recommendation in the amount of \$30,000 from FY 2005. George Wessel of Carbondale Community Teen Center, Inc., and John Miller of the National Organization of Boys and Girls Clubs answered questions.

M. Flanagan moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council provide a tentative funding level of \$30,000 for FY 2005 for Carbondale Community Teen Center Inc. for operations and to provide \$30,000 in FY 2004 funds from the Agencies and Organizations Division budget to Carbondale Community Teen Center, Inc. for the purpose of remodeling the Teen Center building and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Carbondale Community Teen Center, Inc. for the FY 2004 funds. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

Mayor Cole presented FY 2005 funding recommendations for Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$272,278 and \$26,250 from the General Fund for Carbondale Main Street for FY 2005 in addition to the \$40,000 from the Special Service Area Tax. Debbie Moore was present representing Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau. Craig Reeves and Roxanne Conley answered questions on behalf of Carbondale Main Street. Noting that Main Street representatives had indicated that part of the City funding is allocated for Brown Bag Concerts and that her musical group plays at the concerts, Councilwoman Simon said she would be abstaining from the vote on the funding for Main Street.

L. Jack moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council establish tentative funding levels for economic development organizations for FY 2005 at the following amounts: Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, \$272,278 and Carbondale Main Street, \$26,250 from the General Fund and \$40,000 from the Special Service Area Tax. VOTE: Ayes: M. Flanagan, S. Haynes, L. Jack, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Abstentions: S. Simon. Motion declared carried.

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7. Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:43 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
