

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Special Meeting
April 25, 2006

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Mayor 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: Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: None

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

Prior to the start of business, Mayor Cole requested a Moment of Silence in honor of long-time community member Thelma Gibbs Walker who passed away on April 18, 2006.

2. General Business

1. Special Presentation on the Environmental Clean-up of the Former Koppers Site

Mayor Cole noted that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to hear a presentation on the environmental clean-up of the former Koppers wood treating site. He said that after the presentation, questions and comments would be entertained from Council members and the general public. The presenters also have a number of presentation boards set up around the room and will remain after the meeting to answer questions regarding their presentation or the boards. Mayor Cole also noted that the City retained the firm of Hurst-Rosche Engineers to provide an opinion report on the corrective measures taken, adding that a representative of that firm is also in attendance at this meeting and could provide a copy of the report to anyone desiring a copy.

Michael Slenska, Environmental Manager for Beazer East Inc., and Jeff Holden of Blasland, Bouck & Lee (BB&L) offered a PowerPoint presentation detailing the actions taken by Beazer East for environmental remediation at the former Koppers wood treating site. Accompanying Mr. Slenska and Mr. Holden were Troy Hopper and Ben Huggins of BB&L, the consulting engineers who have assisted on the site for over ten years, and Mason Wheeler Sr. of Severson, the company that is conducting the remediation at the site. Topics covered in the presentation included an overview of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and how this site has followed that life cycle; the site layout and former operations at Koppers; environmental investigation at the site and remediation history; the remediation approach for the site; a description of what has been done over the past years for remediation and what is planned for the next year or two, as well as what has been done for public involvement.

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Following the presentation, Mayor Cole invited comments or questions from the City Council. Comments or questions were offered by Councilman Wissmann, Councilwoman Simon, Councilman Haynes and Councilman Jack. Following Council comments and questions, Mayor Cole invited comments or questions from the public. Persons who spoke were: Melvin "Pepper" Holder, 410 James and Thelma Walker Avenue; Evelyn Koine, currently at 1104 N. Pierce and previously at 113 James and Thelma Walker Avenue; Elius Reed, 2012 S. Illinois Avenue; William McCutchen, 1039 N. Wall Street; Willie Neal, who indicated he has lived in the northeast community over fifteen years and worked at Koppers; Priscilla Pimentel, 600 W. Pecan Street; and Shirley Dillinger Booker, 400 Dillinger Road, who indicated she was accompanied by Doris Dillinger Brown, 220 Dillinger Road.

The public questioning having concluded, Mayor Cole noted that the presenters would remain after the hearing to speak individually with persons having additional questions or wishing further explanation of the presentation boards.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this Special Meeting, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:32 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
