

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2006

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Following a meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission, Mayor Brad Cole called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance D. Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilman Chris Wissmann and Mayor Brad Cole.

Absent: None

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

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Cole recognized and thanked Company C of the Signal Core of the Illinois National Guard who returned the prior Wednesday after serving fourteen months in Iraq.

Mayor Cole proclaimed the month of May 2006 as "Mental Health Month". The Mayor also proclaimed Friday, May 12, 2006, as "Bike to Work Day" and presented the proclamation to David More.

Mayor Cole read a letter from John Schumake recognizing and thanking Carbondale Police Sergeant Paul Echols for his dedicated efforts toward solving the 1981 murder of his sister, Susan Schumake. Carbondale Interim Police Chief Bob Ledbetter and Mayor Cole presented Sgt. Echols with the "Chief's Award of Merit" which is presented to a member of the Carbondale Police Department for outstanding effort which results in an important apprehension or solution to a crime. The award was presented to Sgt. Echols for his outstanding police work in identifying Daniel Woloson as the perpetrator of the crime. Woloson was found guilty and awaits sentencing.

Mayor Cole administered the Oath of Office to new Carbondale Police Officers Charles Ellett and Christina Simpson.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

There was no one present who indicated a desire to address the City Council during this portion of the meeting.

4. Public Hearings

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5. 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 of April 18, 2006 and the Special City Council meeting of April 25, 2006.
2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #977 for the period ended April 10, 2006, in the amount of \$1,894,853.30. (Exhibit A-5-2-06)
3. Acceptance of minutes of boards, commissions and committees. Recommendation: Accept Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission of February 16, 2006; Fire Fighters Pension Board of Trustees of March 14, 2006; Human Relations Commission of March 6, 2006 and Preservation Commission of March 20, 2006.
4. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletins. Recommendation: Accept IML Bulletins 2006-14 and 2006-15 and place them on file.
5. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts with Community Organizations. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2006-R-28; Exhibit B-5-2-06)
6. Resolution approving Extension of Deadline to submit the Final PUD Development Plan for Property located at 1209 East Walnut Street. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2006-R-29; Exhibit C-5-2-06)
7. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Southern Illinois University for Bus Service. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2006-R-30; Exhibit D-5-2-06)
8. Acceptance of deeds and easements. Recommendation: Accept permanent easements from Andy Wallace for water and sewer lines to serve properties located at 425 N. Robinson Circle and 2220 N. Illinois Avenue and authorize recording of the documents.

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

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1. through 5.8. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

1. Resolution commending Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plan Superintendent Kendall Doty for Service to the City of Carbondale

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution commending Kendall Doty for service to the City of Carbondale. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2006-R-27; Exhibit E-5-2-06)

2. Historic Preservation Awards Presentation

Receiving awards from the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission were: K.K. Collins for 601 West Oak Street in the category of "Preservation"; D. Gorton for 702, 704 and 706 West Cherry Street in the category of "Preservation"; Gary and Susan Edgren for 411 South Poplar Street in the category of "Restoration"; John Boyer and

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Brian Swoboda for 409 West Monroe Street in the categories of “Preservation” and “Restoration”; and Bethel A.M.E. Church, 316 East Jackson Street, in the categories of “Preservation” and “Restoration”.

3. Presentation of Outstanding Youth Awards and Youth Volunteer of the Year Award and Reception

Receiving 2006 Outstanding Youth Awards entitled “Above & Beyond” awards were: Malik Baker; Berkeley Chlopak; Ross Edelman; Ryan Fowler; Girl Scout Troop 192 comprised of Wynne Davis, Courtney Flowers, Jasmin Gain, Breona Hawkins, Cheyenne Jones, Tyra Oliver, Chanel Robinson, Dara Weaver-Holmes and Jessica Whitehead; Chris Haberman; Latresa Lampkin; Zachary Poldoian; Kody Reese; Mara Varvil; Nick Whitson; and Jovan Williamson. The recipient of the 2006 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award entitled “You Make the Difference” was Kashyap Tadisina. Honorable Mention for this award were Amber Crawshaw and Sholony Hughlett.

Following the presentation of awards, a brief reception was held.

4. Ordinance providing for a Refund for the Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance Fees paid by Wireless Telecommunications Customers and collected by the City of Carbondale

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council adopt the proposed Ordinance providing for a Refund of Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance Fees paid by Wireless Telecommunications Customers and Collected by the City of Carbondale to facilitate settlement of the pending IMF class action claim against the City. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2006-20; Exhibit F-5-2-06)

5. Ordinance annexing properties into the Jackson County - Carbondale - Murphysboro Enterprise Zone

S. Haynes moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance adding the Southern Illinois Healthcare property to the Jackson County - Carbondale - Murphysboro Enterprise Zone. DISCUSSION: Councilman Wissmann said he considers specific criteria when making decisions on whether to include property in the enterprise zone such as whether the property will develop without the enterprise zone benefits and whether the development will provide sufficient return of taxpayer investment of enterprise zone advantages in terms of quality jobs or other benefits. He added that this development certainly meets the second criteria. Councilwoman Simon agreed, adding that this development in the heart of the City is a good location in which to extend the Enterprise Zone. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2006-21; Exhibit G-5-2-06)

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance adding the University Place Improvements, L.P. property to the Jackson County - Carbondale - Murphysboro Enterprise Zone. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, S.

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Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2006-22; Exhibit H-5-2-06)

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance adding the First Corner, LLC, property to the Jackson County - Carbondale - Murphysboro Enterprise Zone. DISCUSSION: Councilman Wissmann said this property did not meet either of his criteria. Mayor Cole noted that the City is in need of additional hotel rooms and would receive hotel/motel taxes from the development. Councilman Fritzler agreed with Councilman Wissmann. Councilwoman Simon suggested a vote on this issue be postponed so the developers could attend a Council meeting to answer questions. Councilman Jack said he would prefer to not extend the enterprise zone that far to the east but felt the benefits of a hotel justified the extension. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: S. Simon, J. Fritzler and C. Wissmann. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2006-23; Exhibit I-5-2-06)

7. Council Comments

Councilman Haynes if a Special Meeting could be called to discuss the report of Hurst-Rosche consulting firm regarding the cleanup of the Koppers property. Mayor Cole said that after the consultants complete the soil sampling he will ask them to come back and make their report. Councilman Jack suggested that after the soil sampling is completed there be a joint presentation with Beazer representatives and representatives from Hurst-Rosche. Councilman Hayes agreed with this suggestion.

Councilwoman McDaniel announced that due to a personal commitment she will be absent from the next Council meeting.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:31 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
