

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2007

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, 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 Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon and Mayor Brad Cole.

Absent: None

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

Mayor Cole announced that prior to the City Council meeting there had been a Graduation Ceremony for the 16 participants of the Citizens Police Academy. This year's Academy was conducted jointly by the Carbondale Police Department and the Southern Illinois University Department of Public Safety.

Mayor Cole announced that he had proclaimed the month of May as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

Michael Wepsiec, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced that Carbondale Police Lieutenant Paul Echols had been selected as the 2007 recipient of the "Law Enforcement Award" from the Illinois State Bar Association. Mark Hassikas presented the award to Lt. Echols on behalf of the Bar Association. Attorney Wepsiec noted that he had nominated Lt. Echols for the award due to his successful investigation of the cold-case murder of Susan Schumake through use of DNA evidence which resulting in the arrest and conviction of Daniel Woloson for the crime.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Charlie Howe, 848 Pleasant Hill Road, spoke in support of allowing all-electric mopeds to operate on City streets. He asked that the ordinance which disallows the use of mopeds and pedalcycles to be revisited by the Council. Mr. Howe also announced that the Shawnee Green party will be hosting a series of seminars and public discussions beginning on May 9th related to energy conservation measures. All are invited to attend.

Jack Ballard, 302 East Hester, noted that there was a water project underway on his street and said there had been a lack of notification to residents when the water would be turned off and when cars were to be moved. He asked that the City provide notice to the residents of the affected area. Mr. Ballard also expressed concern about the entry/exit into the parking lot which serves Kaya and Harbaugh's and asked that signage be placed to keep vehicles from entering the wrong way. Mayor Cole noted that the parking lot is private property and the issue will be addressed with the private property owner.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Special Report of the Carbondale Preservation Commission

Preservation Commission Chair Evelyn Koine noted that May was Preservation Month and expressed thanks to the Mayor and Council as well as the City Administration for its support of the Preservation Commission and their commitment to preserving historic Carbondale. She noted that the State and Federal governments are providing more financial incentives for preservation efforts. She congratulated the Preservation Award winners from last year and this year, adding that the efforts of these people have inspired others to restore their properties. She noted that not-for-profits are also improving their properties, including Bethel AME Church and the Tuscan Lodge, adding that the Lodge received a state grant to address their needs. Ms. Koine said that anyone needing advice or assistance on how to restore their property should contact the City's Planning Services Division.

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 Special City Council meeting held on April 18 and the Regular City Council meeting and Public Hearing on a Proposed Annexation Agreement with Egon Kamarasy, both held on April 24, 2007.
2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1006 for the period ended April 9, 2007, in the amount of \$1,437,633.33. (Exhibit A-5-1-07)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Planning Commission of April 4, 2007.
4. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletin 2007-11. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
5. Ordinance to correct Ordinance 2006-21, Jackson County-Carbondale-Murphysboro Enterprise Zone (Southern Illinois Healthcare/Prairie Heart Institute). Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2007-16; Exhibit B-5-1-07)
6. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Contracts with Community Organizations. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2007-R-32; Exhibit C-5-1-07)
7. Removed from Consent.

Mayor Cole asked if any Council members would like any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Jack asked that Item 5.7 be removed.

S. Simon moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6 be approved. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzier, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5.7 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Southern Illinois University for Bus Service

L. Jack moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Carbondale and

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale for bus service. DISCUSSION: Councilman Jack noted that he had heard concerns about the length of some of the routes and that some of the routes are not very convenient. He also noted that the bus service has started using some more fuel efficient vehicles and expressed that hope that additional smaller busses would be added. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2007-R-33; Exhibit D-5-1-07)

6. General Business

1. Resolution commending Councilwoman Sheila Simon for Four Years of Service on the City Council of the City of Carbondale

After the resolution was read in full, J. Fritzler moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution commending Sheila Simon for four years of service on the City Council. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, and B. Cole. Nays: None. Abstentions: S. Simon. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2007-R-30; Exhibit E-5-1-07)

2. Resolution commending Sergeant Daniel W. Stearns for service to the City of Carbondale

After the resolution was read in full, S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution commending Dan Stearns for service to the City of Carbondale. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2007-R-31; Exhibit F-5-1-07)

3. Historic Preservation Award Presentation

Mayor Brad Cole and Preservation Commission Chair Evelyn Koine presented a Historic Preservation Award to Andy Bayiates and Geneevre Gallo for restoration of their home located at 106 North Springer Street.

4. Presentation of Outstanding Youth Awards and Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Mayor Brad Cole and Members of the City Council presented the following awards:

2007 Outstanding Youth Award recipients: Calvin Baker, Patrick Bleyer, Jasmine Estes, Catherine Orweller, Jordan Reese and Crosby Wright.

2007 Youth Volunteer of the Year "You Make A Difference" Honorable Mention: Emily Denis and Mara Varvil.

2007 Youth Volunteer of the Year "You Make A Difference" Award recipient: Myah Gary.

5. At this point in the meeting, a reception was held to honor Councilwoman Sheila Simon, retiring Police Sergeant Dan Stearns, the Historic Preservation Award recipients and the Youth Award recipients.

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6. Ordinance approving Bill Laser's Request to rezone 1.13 Acres located at 4103 South Illinois Avenue from RR, Rural Residential, to R-1-15, Low Density Residential

The applicant was not present. S. Simon moved, L. Jack seconded, that the Council adopt the Resolution denying the request to rezone 1.13 acres located at 4103 South Illinois Avenue from RR, Rural Residential, to R-1-15, Low Density Residential. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2007-R-34; Exhibit G-5-1-07)

7. Resolution approving the request from Lanel Love for a Special Use to allow the operation of a Day Care Home I in an R-1-8, Low Density Residential, District at 1015 West Laurel Street

Lanel Love and Larue Love were present to answer questions. C. Wissmann moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council adopt the Resolution approving the request by Lanel Love for a Special Use Permit to allow a Day Care Home I and subordinate uses related thereto in an R-1-8, Low Density Residential, District at 1015 West Laurel, with the following conditions: (1) the special use is limited to a Day Care Home I only under the operation of Lanel Love. The special use may not be transferred upon the future sale or rental of the subject property. DISCUSSION: In response to Councilman Haynes' inquiry, Mr. Love said there will be only four additional children and should not result in a significant increase in traffic. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2007-R-35; Exhibit H-5-1-07)

7. Council Comments

Councilwoman Simon said although she was starting to transition into a role of not being on the City Council, she would continue to watch what the Council was doing. She said she had heard that there is going to be consideration given to moving the City Clerk's position to one which would be supervised by the Mayor and Council rather than by the City Manager, adding that this is the kind of politicizing that Don Monty spoke about when he retired. She also stated that who makes these decisions should be publicly-debated. Councilwoman Simon concluded by noting that it was a pleasure working with the City Council.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
