

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of January 7, 2014

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Joel Fritzier called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilman Lance Jack, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Donald Monty, Councilwoman Jane Adams, and Mayor Joel Fritzier

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Fritzier announced the joint hosting by the City of Carbondale and the City of Murphysboro of a special service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. at 4:00 p.m. on January 19 at the Civic Center. He then announced the Neighborhood Alliance meeting would be held on January 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Councilwoman Adams announced the annual meeting of the Arbor District to be held at the First United Methodist Church following the Neighborhood Alliance meeting.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Jackson County will hold a trivia night fundraiser at the Murphysboro Elks' Lodge on January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Harvey announced the Friends and Family Community Dinner will be held on January 17 at the Eurma Hayes Center from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Audrey Wagner, North Rod Lane, requested that the Council consider removing the current no bicycling on sidewalks signs at the entrances of Carbondale in favor of more friendly and welcoming signage such as Walk on the Sidewalk, Ride on the Street.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

None

5. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 17, 2013. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant for Period Ended 12/09/13 FY 2014 Warrant # 1200 in the Amount of \$1,117,062.60. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$1,117,062.60. (Exhibit A-01-07-2014)
3. Warrant for Period Ended 11/30/13 FY 2014 Warrant # WF 11/2013 in the Amount of \$150,528.95. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$150,528.95. (Exhibit

B-01-07-2014)

4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept the approved minutes of the Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees of November 13, 2013; Planning Commission of November 6, 2013; Liquor Advisory Board of November 7, 2013; Foreign Fire Insurance Board of October 10 and November 20, 2013.
5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur with the Mayor's recommended appointment of Kris Schachel to the Planning Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2015.
6. Pulled by D. Monty.

J. Adams moved, L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5.6 Resolution Approving the Final BPL Development Plan for the SIH Physician's Office Located at 1400 Financial Park Drive

L. Fronabarger moved, C. Harvey seconded, to approve the final BPL Development Plan for the SIH Physician's Office located at 1400 Financial Park Drive. DISCUSSION: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, and J. Bradshaw questioned Development Services Director Chris Wallace about the site plan review letter, the impact of the subdivision having not yet been approved, the reshaping of the City's right-of-way, the entrance to the facility, the type of service provided by the facility, the zoning of adjoining spaces, and whether Council will have to approve a stop sign. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2014-R-01; Exhibit C-01-07-2014)

6. General Business

1. Discussion of Pre-applications Received From Community Agencies and Organizations

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be considered at the meeting of January 28, 2014.

2. Review of Community Investment Program Checklist Items for Proposed New Projects

Councilwoman Adams suggested developing a storm-water management plan and adding it to the CIP items.

Councilman Jack recommended the development of the City lots behind the building located in the 600-700 block of South Illinois Avenue. Councilwoman Adams noted that this improvement in addition to others listed in the CIP should be included in the Downtown Master Plan.

Councilman Fronabarger indicated additional lighting was needed on Lewis Lane between Park Street and Grand Avenue.

Councilwoman Bradshaw proposed the replacement of street lights as they burn out with CPTED approved lights, the replanting of trees at Woodlawn Cemetery, the placement of a

crosswalk at Emerald and Sunset, pedestrian crossings in sections of Highway 13 between Oakland and Glenview and Wall Street and University Mall. L. Jack, D. Monty, and J. Fritzler commented on the pedestrian crossings. Ms. Bradshaw asked about the impact the replacement of the Cherry/Elm Streets sewer interceptor would have on alleviating the flooding of the Varsity Theater.

Public Works Director Sean Henry remarked on the City funds which finance corresponding projects and the limited resources within the general fund dedicated to CIP projects.

D. Monty, L. Jack, J. Adams, and J. Bradshaw questioned Mr. Henry about the sanitary sewer, order or prioritization of items on the CIP, usage of NPO funding, and bicycle paths/lanes.

Councilman Monty commented on the citizen-submitted CIP suggestions and the Staff-proposed item regarding sidewalk on Lewis Lane. Mr. Henry responded to his comments. Mr. Monty then remarked on the Council not having received the Sustainability Commission report from the previous year on proposed bikeway improvements.

Councilwoman Bradshaw remarked on the Citizen-submitted CIP suggestions and proposed a sidewalk on the other side of Emerald Street and a crosswalk at the intersection of Sunset and Emerald. D. Monty, J. Bradshaw, and Mr. Henry discussed the right-of-way in front of Murdale.

Audrey Wagner, North Rod Lane, responded to Mr. Monty's question regarding the Sustainability Commission bikeway improvement recommendations. As a citizen, she advocated for a professionally developed bicycle network, recommending the League of Illinois Bicyclists for such a plan.

Councilwoman Bradshaw suggested including additional bike racks and consideration given as to where to locate them.

Councilman Monty, in regard to the lack of revenue to complete the proposed projects, suggested that in the event there would be a sales tax increase, perhaps Council should consider whether or not to use some of that revenue for these projects.

Mayor Fritzler commented on the easement process for the Schwartz Street project.

7. Council Comments

Councilman Fronabarger suggested dedicating the revenue from video gaming for funding agencies and organizations.

Mayor Fritzler commented on the City's revenue shortfall from the budgeted projections and the impact such a shortage might have on the funding of community organizations.

Councilwoman Bradshaw noted that due to recent grant funding, the Carbondale Public Library now has a grant assistance database available to the public. She then suggested that perhaps the City or Carbondale Main Street could provide assistance in locating funding.

Mayor Fritzler indicated that the library has a platinum level subscription as provided by the Kellogg Foundation.

Councilman Monty suggested that perhaps the library director might be able to conduct a seminar to assist community organizations seeking funds.

Councilwoman Adams commented that the small business development center may be able to provide such assistance as they provide for commercial entrepreneurship. She suggested that perhaps the City and SIU might be able to partner in helping to navigate the difficult grant-writing process. Mayor Fritzler noted the short-staffing of the City and Councilwoman Adams remarked that the university might provide that resource.

Councilman Fronabarger remarked that the Dunn-Richmond Center hosts grant-writing seminars from time-to-time and noted it would be beneficial to work with the Dunn-Richmond Center to have staff dedicated to locating grants for the city and the community organizations. He spoke about his experience in utilizing books at the library which contain grant and foundation information to seek funding for the aquatic center. Mr. Fronabarger indicated it would meet the university's outreach goals to have their staff provide such assistance.

Councilman Jack observed that the Council might want to review internal and community needs as to the value of utilizing a portion of community funding to hire a full-time grant writer to seek funding for the City and community organizations.

Councilman Monty noted that 48 hours had elapsed so sidewalks should have been cleared. Mayor Fritzler, Councilman Jack, Councilwoman Adams, Councilwoman Bradshaw, and Councilman Monty each added comments to the snow-covered sidewalks discussion.

8. Closed Meeting to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees; the Salary Schedule for One or More Classes of Employees; the Sale, Purchase or Lease of Real Property; and the Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Real Property

Mayor Fritzler noted that due to the City Manager's absence, the only item of discussion was Personnel. C. Harvey moved, L. Jack seconded, to have the City Council hold a Closed Meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 8:15 p.m.

C. Harvey moved, L. Jack seconded, to return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 9:02 p.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
