

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilman Tom Grant, Councilman Adam Loos, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, and Mayor John M. Henry

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, Interim City Manager Gary Williams, and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Henry expressed his thanks to the Carbondale Police Department for their management of simultaneous incidents occurring near the City Hall on Monday.

Councilman Fronabarger encouraged attendance at the SIU men's basketball game on Thursday night and announced the upcoming meetings for the Downtown Master Plan on February 2 and Downtown Advisory Committee on February 3.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Kathleen Shaffner, Chautauqua Road, requested that the City Council consider her request to eliminate all gasoline-powered engines on Cedar Lake.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Meghan Cole, Vice Chair of the Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC), read an update provided by the Committee Chair, Jack Langowski, on the upcoming DAC actions. Ms. Cole responded to City Council inquiries.

5. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2016. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for the Period Ending 01/04/2016 FY 2016 Warrant # 1262 in the amount of \$1,436,825.38. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1262. (Exhibit A-01-22-2016)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept and place on file the minutes of the Planning Commission from December 9, 2015, Zoning Board of Appeals from September 23, 2015, Non-Bargaining Unit Employees Personnel Board from June 24 and September 23, 2015, Preservation Commission from November 16, 2015, and Human Relations Commission from December 7, 2015.
4. Resolution approving Shelton's Towing and Recovery's request for a Special Use Permit to operate an Auto Storage Yard within a GI, General Industrial, district. Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution approving the Special Use Permit. (Resolution 2016-R-01; Exhibit B-01-22-2016)
5. Pulled by L. Fronabarger
6. Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Contract to purchase real estate located at 601 South Illinois Avenue. Recommendation: Approve the Resolution providing such authority to the Interim City Manager. (Resolution 2016-R-03; Exhibit D-01-22-2016)

7. Ordinance adopting a labor agreement between the City of Carbondale, Illinois, and Local Union No. 1961 of the International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO, CLC for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Recommendation: Approve the Fire Fighters Contract through FY 2018. (Ordinance 2016-01; Exhibit E-01-22-2016)
8. Ordinance Establishing “No Parking” within the 400 and 500 Blocks (from East Walnut Street to East College Street) of South Logan Avenue. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinance establishing a “No Parking” zone. (Ordinance 2016-02; Exhibit F-01-22-2016)

MOTION: C. Harvey moved, T. Grant seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, 5.7, and 5.8. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5. Resolution in Support of the Illinois Financial Transaction Tax Act

MOTION: C. Harvey moved, J. Bradshaw seconded, to adopt the Resolution in support of the Illinois Financial Transaction Tax Act. DISCUSSION: Richard Whitney, New Era Road, expressed his thanks for the City Council’s consideration of this item and commented on the need for such action. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2016-R-02; Exhibit C-01-22-2016)

6. General Business

1. Ordinance Amending Title 2 and Title 17 of the Carbondale Revised Code as it Pertains to Possession or Consumption on Public Property or Control Premises and the Issuance of Sidewalk Restaurant Encroachment Permits

MOTION: C. Harvey moved, L. Fronabarger seconded, to adopt an Ordinance amending Titles Two and Seventeen which establish a permitting process for sidewalk cafés and which will allow the consumption of alcohol within such cafés. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ordinance 2016-03; Exhibit G-01-22-2016)

2. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Materials, Merchandise, Property, Services, or Labor from Henry Printing

MOTION: T. Grant moved, N. Kang seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase materials, merchandise, property, services or labor from Henry Printing. DISCUSSION: Councilmembers noted that these purchases had been occurring for some years. It was suggested to pursue electronic publication of the City PEN to reduce the number of printed copies. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, and L. Fronabarger. Nays: None. J. Henry abstained. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2016-R-04; Exhibit H-01-22-2016)

7. Council Comments

Councilman Grant noted the attendance at the Town Hall meeting and the noted the similarities between the discussion at the Retreat and the Town Hall discussion. Further, Mr. Grant encouraged public attendance of the DAC meeting and encouraged public support of the Salukis.

Councilman Loos reiterated his recommendation to make a tow yard a permitted use in a general industrial zoning district.

Councilman Kang commented on the discussion of homelessness at the Neighborhood Alliance meeting. He noted that the City needs to look into solutions, specifically citing the tiny homes project.

Councilwoman Bradshaw requested that Ms. Shaffner's request be considered for discussion.

Councilman Fronabarger noted that WSIU – Channel 8 will broadcast the State of the State address.

8. Closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, the purchase or lease of real property, the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, and the semi-annual review of Closed Meeting minutes

MOTION: N. Kang moved, C. Harvey seconded, to enter into a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, and the semi-annual review of Closed Meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION: Charlie Howe applauded the passage of the financial transaction tax resolution. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: N. Kang moved, C. Harvey seconded, to return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 10:40 p.m.

MOTION: N. Kang moved, L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve the Closed Meeting minutes from August 11, 2015 through January 12, 2016; to release in part the minutes of January 17, 2012, release in full the minutes of April 16, 2013, and to release in part the meeting minutes of May 21, 2013; to declare that a need for confidentiality still exists, in whole or in part, for the minutes of March 17 and September 15, 1998; January 6, 2004; December 6, 2005; April 4, August 15, and September 19, 2006; October 16 and December 18, 2007; May 6, 2008; September 1 and October 6, 2009; January 19, September 7, November 9, and November 23, 2010; September 20, October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15, December 8, and December 29, 2011; January 17, March 6, July 31, and December 27, 2012; January 29, February 12, March 5, April 2, May 21, June 25, August 6, August 27, September 17, October 22, November 5, and November 19, 2013; January 7, January 21, January 28, February 11, February 19, February 25, March 4, April 22, June 10, June 24, August 5, August 26, September 9, September 23, September 30, October 9, October 28, and December 2, 2014; and January 27, February 24, March 24, April 14, April 27, May 19, and June 30, August 11, August 25, September 15, September 22, September 30, October 6, October 7, and December 22, 2015; and January 12, 2016; and to authorize the destruction of audio recordings of all Closed Meetings that were conducted more than 18 months ago for which minutes have been approved in accordance with Section 2.06(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

8.1.2(d) Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract to purchase real estate

MOTION: T. Grant moved, N. Kang seconded, to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract to purchase real estate located at 218 West Walnut. DISCUSSION: None. VOTE: Ayes: T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2016-R-05; Exhibit I-01-22-2016)

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
