

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of March 8, 2016

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 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: Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilman Adam Loos, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, 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 proclaimed the week of March 7 – 11, 2016, as Boys and Girls Club Week in the City of Carbondale and encouraged citizens to join in recognizing the services provided by the Boys and Girls Club to the youths of Carbondale.

Councilman Fronabarger announced the first Carbondale Founders' Day Celebration will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center on Friday, April 15, 2016, and then announced that the month of March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness month and encouraged screening for those aged 50 years or older.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced a benefit concert at Hangar 9 on Saturday, March 12, for the Girls Rock Camp, and noted that today is International Women's Day.

Councilman Kang announced a Regional Energy Forum to be held on the SIU campus on March 11 at the Morris Library and John C. Guyon Auditorium.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

John Bible, owner of Johnny B's Bible Grove Barbeque, requested that the City Council consider amending the recently adopted food truck ordinance to allow mobile trailers. City Manager Williams indicated that amended language would be provided to the City Council for consideration.

Henry Bell III, 310 East Willow, called attention to the appearance and number of Code violations in the northeast side of Carbondale, and requested assistance in cleaning up the neighborhood.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

None

5. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the regular City Council meeting of February 23, 2016. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for the Period Ending 02/15/2016 FY 2016 Warrant # 1265 in the amount of \$1,519,815.46. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1265. (Exhibit A-03-08-2016)
3. Warrant for the Period Ending 01/31/2016 FY 2016 Warrant # WF01/2016 in the amount of \$112, 471.49. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #WF01/2016. (Exhibit B-03-08-2016)

4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept and place on file the minutes of the Preservation Commission from January 11, 2016, Planning Commission from January 13, 2016, Carbondale Library Board of Trustees from November 18 and December 9, 2015, and January 13, 2016, and the Human Relations Commission from January 11, 2016.
5. Ordinance Authorizing Budget Adjustments to Increase the Overall Fiscal Year 2016 Budget for Fund and Division Overages. Recommendation: Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Budget Adjustments and Increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. (Ordinance 2016-14; Exhibit C-03-08-2016)
6. Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Engineering Agreement with RJN Group in the amount of \$267,700 for continued work on the City's Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study (SA1301.) Recommendation: Approve the Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for professional services with RJN Group, Inc. (Resolution 2016-R-09; Exhibit D-03-08-2016)
7. Resolution approving the amended Final BPL development plan for IHOP located at 1345 East Main Street. Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution approving the amended final BPL. Resolution 2016-R-10; Exhibit E-03-08-2016)
8. Pulled by L. Fronabarger

MOTION: L. Fronabarger moved, C. Harvey seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5.8 Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Water Purchase Agreement with Buncombe Public Water District

MOTION: L. Fronabarger moved, C. Harvey seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Water Purchase Agreement with BPWD. DISCUSSION: Interim City Manager Williams responded to Council inquiries regarding the location of the district, comparison of the proposed rate in the contract with other entities' rates, and in the event of City water rate increases, if the contract provided for matching increases to the water district. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: T. Grant. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2016-R-11; Exhibit F-03-08-2016)

6. General Business

1. Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter into an Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Agreement with Sai Krishna, LLC for a Hilton Home2 Suites hotel project at 200 West Elm Street

MOTION: N. Kang moved, T. Grant seconded, to approve a Resolution authorizing an economic development tax increment financing agreement with Sai Krishna, LLC. DISCUSSION: Interim City Manager Williams responded to Council inquiries regarding any prior use of hotel/motel tax rebates; the anticipated increase which is projected annually; whether the amount of increased hotel/motel tax will be sufficient, given the tax rebate, to offset some of the costs in the development of an alternate parking lot and additional related expenses; and a request to receive a breakdown of the TIF eligible reimbursement costs. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2016-R-12; Exhibit G-03-08-2016)

2. Discussion of Community Agency Funding Requests

City Council inquiries and comments pertained to the varied reasons why some organizations did not submit funding requests, questions regarding training requirements and "Giving Tuesday" event participation for Social Services and Community Development organizations, how funds raised through

Giving Tuesday might be allocated, concern about the percentage of overall agency funds which are allocated to salaries for some of the organizations, a query about the absence of Sunset Concerts from the list of funding requests, and an overall concurrence with the requested funding figures.

Dr. James Grant articulated his thoughts on the experience of developing a new funding process, the primary purpose behind the development of the new process, and also shared his perspective with regard to the concern expressed about salaries.

Deborah Woods, representing the Spirit of Attucks, requested confirmation that the budget would include funds for the organization.

Randy Osborn, Director of the Boys and Girls Club, responded to the concern about the allocation of funding resources towards salaries, noting the number of individuals employed by the organization as it relates to the growth of the organization.

Stan Cox requested clarification about when a decision regarding the funding requests would be determined.

3. Ordinance Amending Titles Two and Five of the Carbondale Revised Code as they relate to Video Gaming

DISCUSSION: A number of individuals spoke in opposition to the Ordinance or expressed their concern about the possible outcome of such action and offered possible countermeasures. Those individuals included John Alexander of Sidetracks; Meghan Cole of Carbondale Main Street; Shaun Kocel of Shaun's Place; T. J. Martin of Underground Barrel Room & Grill; Mark Kelly of Underground Barrel Room & Grill; Richard Brizendine, manager of CBD Properties; and David Schmitt of Universal Gaming Group. City Attorney Kimmel responded to a number of inquiries from business owners and the City Council.

The City Council concurred that the Ordinance should be brought back at a later time. In redrafting the Ordinance, Staff should give consideration to concerns about limiting or eliminating the loss of video gaming licenses upon relocation of a business, sale of a business, or transfer of ownership; establishing a cap on video gaming licenses; elimination of video gaming licenses upon liquor license revocation or closure of a business; reviewing whether specific locations should be reclassified during the renewal period; regulating how the machines are advertised and the lights/sounds emanating from the machines themselves; possibly including different classes of gaming licenses; and contemplating an increase in fees for terminal licenses as well as extending fees to suppliers and distributors.

7. Council Comments

Councilman Kang suggested that the City Council consider a comprehensive sign ordinance which would ensure more uniformity when a new sign is placed or a damaged sign is replaced.

Councilwoman Bradshaw, adding to Mr. Bell's earlier comments, suggested that everyone work towards beautifying the City, particularly with the return to warmer weather. She enquired if there were any studies about the impact of video advertisements.

Councilman Fronabarger offered a reminder that daylight savings begins on Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 a.m.

Mayor Henry noted that Jupiter's moons would be visible with binoculars tonight were the clouds not present.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8: 43 p.m.

Approved by the City Council on:

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk