

**Local Liquor Control Commission and Regular City Council Meeting April 12, 2022
(Tuesday, April 12, 2022)**

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Council Members present

Councilmember Carolin Harvey, Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember Lee Fronabarger, Councilmember Tom Grant, and Mayor John M Henry

A Local Liquor Control Commission meeting preceded the City Council meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM

5. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 **Roll Call**

Procedural: 5.2 **Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Council inquired about an opportunity for citizens to comment in support of organizations for ARPA funding.

Sandy Litecky announced that Keep Carbondale Beautiful will be holding a Spring Clean Up and Recycling Day on April 23.

Eileen Troutt-Ervin inquired about the remaining balance of the ARPA funds to be allocated. She indicated that she wanted to be able to share how she felt those funds should be allocated. City Manager Williams gave an update on the balance and the public comment period.

Elius Reed inquired about whether a City employee had been interviewed and hired for a vacant position. He further asked why job training was not included in one of the City's eligible categories for ARPA funding.

Procedural: 5.3 **Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**

Council inquired about whether the indoor mask mandate required any City Council action or if it could be handled administratively. There was a consensus by the Councilmembers to return to live City Council meetings. There was a question about whether Zoom would still be an option.

Councilmember Harvey invited citizens to attend the swearing in of new Board members for the African American Museum of Carbondale on Saturday, April 16.

Councilmember Doherty indicated his openness to amending the food truck ordinance; other Councilmembers concurred with their desire to revisit the subject. It was suggested that Staff reach out to the Health Department about revisiting their restrictions on food trucks.

Councilmember Grant announced the return of the Southern Illinois Irish Festival to Carbondale

which will be on Saturday, April 30, at Turley Park.

Elius Reed asked the City Manager about whether there was an internal job posting policy.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports

City Manager Williams introduced ARPA Grant Consultant James Arndt, who gave an update on the submissions received and the comments received during the public comment period. Council inquired if the consultant would be holding public meetings with individual community members, if Council would have an opportunity to review the comments submitted, inquired about Mr. Arndt's plans for addressing diversity with grants, inquired about his role in reaching out to community organizations, inquired about the role and purpose of the consultant in the review of the applications, advocated for community participation, disagreed about the consultant's role in meeting with community organizations, and inquired about whether the City had learned anything about what funding it might receive from the Infrastructure bill.

Information: 6.1 **Police Department Presentation of Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service**

Police Chief Stan Reno presented information about the Ring Neighbors partnership program, about the abilities and limitations to accessing information and video the program provides to the Police Department, and who can participate in the program. Council inquired about the radius of the application, disseminating information through the neighborhood watch program, commented on their experience with the app, and how to access the information if a person does not have a Ring doorbell.

Public Hearing: 6.2 **Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2023 City Budget**

The public hearing was declared open at 7:28 p.m.

Elius Reed inquired about the police department's budget and if the Saluki Way tax was included in the budget.

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Information, Reports: 6.3 **Special Report on Carbondale Police Department's Mental Health Advocates Community Contacts**

City Attorney Jamie Snyder share an overview of the services received by community members from the Mental Health Advocate, including follow-ups, ongoing care, or crisis intervention, and described the interconnected process between the police department, city attorney's office, and the court.

Council expressed their appreciation for the headway that the mental health advocate is making, inquired if there was a mental health court active or available in the region, thanked staff for the work they are doing to help address mental health crises, and inquired about whether SIH's expansion would be beneficial in this process.

7. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): **7.1 Minutes from the City Council Meeting of March 22, 2022**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of March 22, 2022

Action (Consent): **7.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 03/18/2022 for the FY 2022 Warrant 1429 in the Total Amount of \$964,648.49**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 03/18/2022 totaling \$964,648.49 (*Exhibit A-04-12-2022*)

Action (Consent): **7.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 04/01/2022 for the FY 2022 Warrant 1430 in the Total Amount of \$1,805,128.07**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 04/01/2022 totaling \$1,805,128.07 (*Exhibit B-04-12-2022*)

Action (Consent): **7.4 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 02/28/2022 FY 2022 Warrant # WF 02/2022 in the amount of \$159,005.12**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 02/28/2022 totaling \$159,005.12 (*Exhibit C-04-12-2022*)

Action (Consent): **7.5 Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 2023 Program for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys**

Resolution: Approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for appropriating \$501,460 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds pending review and approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation (*Resolution 2022-R-14; Exhibit D-04-12-2022*)

Action (Consent): **7.6 Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Resolution: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

There was a question about a discrepancy in the MFT Resolution.

MOTION: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, John M Henry

8. General Business of the City Council

Discussion: **8.1 Review and Discussion of the Proposed FY 2023 Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program**

Council raised the possibility of and shared thoughts about going a different direction with Tourism, expressed their appreciation to Staff for their work on the budget, noted that there is no mention of pay raises for City employees and inquired about the budget plans for city employees, asked for an explanation about budgeting for the self-insurance fund which related to a higher

stop-loss set-aside, funding for a community survey being included in the Mayor and Council budget, plans for addressing the condition of streets, adding a left turn signal at the intersection of Glenview and 13 into the five-year capital improvement program, including drainage issues occurring behind the mosque, as well as Fisher Street to Knight Street from McQueen to Allman in the five-year CIP, inquired about the end of the Saluki Way 1/4% tax, remarked on the challenges in achieving a balanced budget, asked the City Manager to read out the balances of the budget for the public, thanked Staff for their efforts to reduce costs, and suggested revisiting the Comprehensive Plan.

Citizen Comments:

Mimi Williams said hello to her daddy.

Eileen Troutt-Ervin requested the total police budget again.

9. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 9.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date