

Special City Council Meeting August 30, 2021 (Monday, August 30, 2021)

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Councilmembers present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

Procedural: 1.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions

None

2. General Business of the City Council

Action: 2.1 Ordinance Requiring Wearing of Face Coverings While Indoors in Public Spaces

There was discussion about how to enforce the Ordinance, who would be the enforcing agent, and about the frequency of the citations versus fines. The City Attorney responded to questions about citations and fines.

MOTION: Adopt an ordinance requiring the wearing of face coverings while indoors in public spaces

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, John M Henry (*Ordinance 2021-20; Exhibit A-08-30-2021*)

Action: 2.2 Ordinance Adopting a Policy Mandating Carbondale City Employees to Obtain a COVID-19 Vaccination

City Council questions and comments included requiring new employees to be vaccinated as a condition of being hired; what additional requirements are being considered for those employees who have a valid exemption; applying the vaccination requirement for interns and volunteers; suggestion to require weekly testing; opinions with regard to testing the legitimacy of exemptions or accepting them on their face; a preference for changing the deadline dates for doses; a question relating to the procedure with regard to the draft exhibit; inquiries about the percentage of employees vaccinated and about assistance from the Health Department; and questions about testing results and proof of vaccination. Councilmembers responded to comments from meeting attendees.

Doug Wilson expressed his concern with the proposed Ordinance, policy, and the vaccines. He suggested alternatives.

Alicia Jackson commended staff and administration on the steps taken in response to the pandemic thus far, remarked on testing percentages, and commented on the universal application of the mandate on all employees.

MOTION: Approve an ordinance adopting a policy mandating Carbondale City employees to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination with an amended exhibit consistent with the City Council's discussion

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, John M Henry (*Ordinance 2021-21; Exhibit B-08-30-2021*)

3. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 3.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date