

## **Regular City Council Meeting September 12, 2023 (Tuesday, September 12, 2023)**

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### **Members present**

Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember LaCaje Hill, Councilmember Clare Killman, Councilmember Adam Loos, and Mayor Carolin Harvey

### **Members absent**

Councilmember Nancy Maxwell

### **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**

Citizens addressing the City Council during citizen comments included Sandy Litecky, Solomon LNU, James Cooper, Jr., Jane Cogie, and Elius Reed.

##### Procedural: 1.3 **Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**

Councilmember Loos reminded staff about a prior request to bring the matter of utility reconnection fees before the Council.

Councilmember Hill announced a panel on gun violence to be held at the Civic Center on September 16.

Councilmember Rye Sanders announced a fundraiser and the awarding of scholarships at the First Christian Church on September 17. She also thanked a group of SIU ESL students for their visit to the public garden at 511 E Larch.

##### Procedural: 1.4 **Proclamation for National Rail Safety Week**

Mayor Harvey proclaimed September 18 - 24, 2023, as National Rail Safety Week in the City of Carbondale, Illinois, and encouraged all citizens to exercise added caution as motorists or pedestrians near railroad tracks or trains throughout the year.

#### 2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

##### Public Hearing: 2.1 **Public Hearing on the Proposed Oak Street Extension Project for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program**

Mayor Harvey declared the public hearing open at 6:24 p.m.

Elius Reed inquired about the amount of the grant, how much the residents would have to pay, and whether local minority residents would be employed.

Dr. M Stalls identified additional streets, including Burke Street, Archie Jones Drive, and the Ashley Street/Robert A. Stalls Avenue intersection, which should also be improved, including

sidewalks and traffic controls. She suggested that the City develop or revise a comprehensive plan to install sidewalks. Further, she indicated that the grant does not deal effectively enough with safety issues and recommended reworking the proposal.

Rob Gallegly stated he, as cycling enthusiast, is in favor of this grant and development, particularly the multi-use lane on the north side of the road.

At 6:34 p.m., the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

### 3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 3.1 **City Council Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2023**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of August 22, 2023

Action (Consent): 3.2 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 08/18/2023 for the FY 2024 Warrant 1466 in the Total Amount of \$1,347,123.91**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 08/18/2023 totaling \$1,347,123.91 (*Exhibit A-09-12-2023*)

Action (Consent): 3.3 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 09/01/2023 for the FY 2024 Warrant 1467 in the Total Amount of \$594,148.90**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 09/01/2023 totaling \$594,148.90 (*Exhibit B-09-12-2023*)

Action: 3.4 **Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant to Increase the FY24 Police Department Budget in the Amount of \$241,065.00** Resolution: Approve an Ordinance for a budget adjustment to transfer funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant Account to Police Protection Budget in the Amount of \$241,065 and increase the Police Budget in the same amount.

*Pulled by C. Harvey*

Action: 3.5 **Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Initiate Text Amendments Relative to Day Care Centers and Day Care Homes** Resolution: Adoption a Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Initiate Text Amendments Relative to Day Care Centers and Day Care Homes

*Pulled by J. Doherty*

Action (Consent): 3.6 **Award of Contract for FY2024 Street Cut Repair Program to Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Estimated Amount of \$293,850**

Resolution: Award of Contract for FY2024 Street Cut Repair Program to Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Estimated Amount of \$293,850

Action (Consent): 3.7 **Resolution Naming the Northwest Multi-Use Path the Mud Line**

Resolution: Approve a Resolution Naming the Northwest Multi-Use Path the Mud Line (*Resolution 2023-R-66; Exhibit E-09-12-2023*)

Action (Consent): 3.8 **Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the TIF District #2 Division for Costs Related to the TIF Funded Downtown Property Code Compliance Incentive Program**

Resolution: Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the TIF District #2 Division for Costs Related to the TIF Funded Downtown Property Code Compliance Incentive Program (*Ordinance 2023-35; Exhibit F-09-12-2023*)

Action (Consent): 3.9 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

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

Item 3.8 – There was a question about the identity of the two entities identified for TIF funding.

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

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Action: 3.4 **Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant to Increase the FY24 Police Department Budget in the Amount of \$241,065.00**

Victor Ludwig requested specific details about the agenda item and indicated his objection to the adoption of the Ordinance. Chief Reno responded to the questions.

Francis Batson asked if this had been requested by businesses and indicated her objection to the funding being used for this.

There was a question from Council relating to no-cash bail and license plate readers. City Attorney Snyder responded.

MOTION: Approve an Ordinance for a budget adjustment to transfer funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant Account to Police Protection Budget in the Amount of \$241,065 and increase the Police Budget in the same amount.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Clare Killman (*Ordinance 2023-34; Exhibit C-09-12-2023*)

Action: 3.5 **Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Initiate Text Amendments Relative to Day Care Centers and Day Care Homes**

Council members individually noted their support for or opposition to the adoption of this Resolution; opposition to the elimination of the Special Use Requirement; noted the need for child care in the community; and suggested Conditional Use, instead of the more subjective

Special Use.

Dr. M. Stalls spoke in favor of increased child care availability and issues surrounding child care.

MOTION: Adoption a Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Initiate Text Amendments Relative to Day Care Centers and Day Care Homes

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Jeff Doherty (*Resolution 2023-R-65; Exhibit D-09-12-2023*)

#### 4. General Business of the City Council

Action, Discussion: 4.1 **Ordinance Amending Title Nine of the Carbondale Revised Code Eliminating Local Licensing or Registration of Taxicabs and Transportation Network Company Drivers**

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance amending Title Nine of the Carbondale Revised Code that eliminates the local licensing or registration requirement for Taxicabs and Transportation Network Company drivers

Motion by LaCaje Hill, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey (*Ordinance 2023-36; Exhibit G-09-12-2023*)

Action: 4.2 **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Carbondale Park District for a City-wide Parks Master Plan**

Noting issues with the scope of the work and a desire to add additional properties, Council decided to defer action; there was discussion about the possibility of an increase in the consultant's fee if additional properties are added.

MOTION: Defer action to a future meeting, to allow time to add additional properties, and allow time for the Park District to respond.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Action: 4.3 **Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment Designating Various Commercially-Zoned Properties in the Retail Revitalization Overlay District**

MOTION: Adopt An Ordinance Approving A Map Amendment Designating Various Commercially-Zoned Properties in the Retail Revitalization Overlay District

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey  
(*Ordinance 2023-37; Exhibit H-09-12-2023*)

5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

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Date