

Regular City Council Meeting October 11, 2022 (Tuesday, October 11, 2022)

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Councilmembers present

Councilmember Lee Fronabarger, Councilmember Tom Grant, Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, and Mayor Pro Tempore Carolin Harvey

Councilmembers absent

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

The following citizens addressed the City Council during Citizens' Comments and Questions: Brian Beavers, Sandy Litecky, and James Cooper, Jr.

Procedural: 1.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Rye-Sanders thanked those who attended the Women for Change Big Event.

Councilmember Fronabarger shared the early voting dates for the November election.

Mayor Pro Tempore Harvey reminded the public about the numerous activities during SIU Homecoming.

Procedural: 1.4 Proclamation for International Walk to School Day

Mayor Pro Tempore Harvey proclaimed October 12, 2022, as International Walk to School Day, and encouraged citizens to participate in this event and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children this month and every month.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Discussion, Information: 2.1 Presentation Regarding a Proposal to Establish the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve

John Wallace of Shawnee Forest Defense presented information about the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve proposal, the goal of which is the designation of the Shawnee National Forest as a National Park and Climate Preserve.

Councilmembers expressed their support for the project, asked if there was a National Park in Illinois, and inquired about resource extraction.

Citizens commenting on the proposal, both in support of and in opposition to, included Barbara McKasson, Sam Stearns, Les Winkler, and Mike Baltz.

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 3.1 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 09/30/2022 for the FY 2023 Warrant 1443 in the Total Amount of \$1,941,925.48**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 09/30/2022 totaling \$1,941,925.48 (*Exhibit A-10-11-2022*)

Action (Consent): 3.2 **City Council and Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2022**

Resolution: Approve the City Council and Public Hearing meeting minutes from September 27, 2022

Action (Consent): 3.3 **Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 07/31/2022 FY 2023 Warrant # WF 07/2022 in the amount of \$124,348.27**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 07/31/2022 totaling \$124,348.27 (*Exhibit B-10-11-2022*)

Action (Consent): 3.4 **Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Resolution: Accept the approved meeting minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees and place them on file.

Action (Consent): 3.5 **Award of Contract with TWM, Inc. in the Amount of \$125,000 for Phase I and Phase II Engineering for Reconstruction of Pleasant Hill Road (CIP ST1502 - McLafferty Road to Union Hill Road)**

Resolution: Award of Contract with TWM, Inc. in the Amount of \$125,000 for Phase I and Phase II engineering for Reconstruction of Pleasant Hill Road From McLafferty to Union Hill Road Fiscal Year 2026 CIP ST1502

Action (Consent): 3.6 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Hutchison Solutions, LLC in the Amount of \$40,450 for Cedar Lake Master Recreational Plan (CIP OS2301)**

Resolution: Approval of Scope of Work to Hutchison Solutions, LLC for Cedar Lake Master Recreational Plan development in the amount of \$40,450 (*Resolution 2022-R-48; Exhibit C-10-11-2022*)

Action (Consent): 3.7 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

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

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

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. General Business of the City Council

Action: 4.1 **A Resolution Approving, and a Resolution Denying, a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Storage Yard for Larry's Towing**

Donna Smith Throgmorton gave a presentation about the application for a Special Use Permit.

Individuals speaking in opposition to granting of the Special Use include Melissa McCutcheon, Marilyn Tipton, Rodney Morris, Jane Cogie, Evelyn Karnes, Pepper Holder, and Chastity Mays.

Five citizens submitted written opposition by email, one submitted concerns and comments, and one submitted an inquiry about the incorporation Sustainability Action Plan.

Council commented about and compared the current and former location and noted their individual opinions for or against the relocation.

MOTION: Adopt the Resolution Denying the Special Use Permit for Automobile Storage Yard for Larry's Towing based on the Planning Commission's Recommendation

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Ginger Rye Sanders.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Lee Fronabarger *(Resolution 2022-R-49; Exhibit D-10-11-2022)*

5. Executive Session

Action: 5.1 **Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters and to Conduct the Semi-Annual Closed Meeting Minute Review**

MOTION: Enter into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and to conduct the semi-annual Executive Session Meeting Minute review pursuant to ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and (c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey
Open Session recessed at 7:56 p.m.

Action: 5.2 **Return to Open Session**

MOTION: Return to Open Session

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey
Open Session resumed at 8:31 p.m.

Action: 5.3 Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes, Declare the Need for Confidentiality Still Exists in Whole or in Part for Executive Session Meeting Minutes, Authorize the Destruction of Audio Recordings for Meetings Conducted More Than 18 Months Ago

MOTION: Approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 26 through June 14, 2022; Declare that the need for confidentiality exists, in whole or in part, for Closed Meeting Minutes from March 17, 1998, through June 14, 2022, except for the meeting minutes of October 28, 2014, June 14, 2016, August 1, 2017, January 23 and December 11, 2018, and authorizing the destruction of audio recordings of all Closed Meetings that were conducted more than 18 months ago for which minutes have been approved and no appeals have been filed with the Public Access Counselor or Circuit Court.

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 6.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date