Regular City Council Meeting February 12, 2019 (Tuesday, February 12, 2019)
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Council Members present
Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilman Adam Loos, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilman Jeff Doherty, Councilman Tom Grant, and Mayor John M Henry

Meeting called to order at 6:11 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting
   Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

   Prior to the start of the meeting, the City Council presented a plaque and Resolution to Gary Belles for his years of service to the City of Carbondale. Oaths of office were administered to Firefighters Stetsen Traub, David Greathouse, Abigail Coulombe, and Wesley Smith and Police Officers Kenneth Blackburn and Andrew Carter.

   Procedural: 1.2 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

   Councilman Loos apologized for running late and noted that the warming center serves individuals other than the homeless during emergency situations.

   Councilwoman Bradshaw recommended attending a Stage Company musical, noted the Big Muddy film festival will be here soon, and announced the Boys and Girls Club’s Trivia Night at the Oscars at the Copper Dragon.

   Councilwoman Harvey announced a panel discussion on overpowering prejudice and hatred with love at the African American Museum and Zeta Amicae of Carbondale’s Mardi Gras fundraiser at the Elks club on February 23.

   Mayor Henry proclaimed March 6, 2019, as SIU Day of Giving: Celebrate in the City of Carbondale and urged citizens to recognize that together, we can create opportunities for current students and future Salukis to find a home and find success. The Chancellor extended thanks for the proclamation and expressed gratitude for the relationship with the university.

   Procedural: 1.3 Citizens' Comments and Questions

   Nathan Columbo expressed support for Miles Davis for his endeavor which combines retail sales and entertainment and speculated as to the cause of the cessation of an event hosted by Mr. Davis.

   Sandy Litecky invited citizens to the annual Neighborhood Alliance meeting on February 23 at the Newman Center.

   Karen Knodt read a prepared statement from the Carbondale Racial Justice Coalition regarding
the recent closure of Mr. Miles Davis’ entertainment show, which statement itemized several questions for consideration. Councilman Loos inquired whether an update on Mr. Davis’ closure was forthcoming and would be made public.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports
Reports: 2.1 Presentation of the Street Condition Survey/Study Project (ST1802) by Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM)

Jeff Rice of TWM reviewed a presentation regarding the pavement condition of all of the streets in Carbondale. Council inquired about receiving the entirety of the presentation, what the impact of doing no maintenance would be, questions about specific roads, the condition of the brick streets, whether the asphalt overlay on brick streets can be removed without damaging the brick underneath, the durability of brick streets, the costs of maintaining brick streets, and whether asphalt or oil and chip is recommended.

Charlie Howe remarked on the topography affecting the road conditions, the effect of budgetary constraints, and noted that the costs of maintaining brick streets is greater than for asphalt.

Jerrold Hennrich inquired about the inclusion of secondary roads and gravel alleyways. Public Works Director Sean Henry responded to Mr. Hennrich’s inquiry.

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council
Action (Consent): 3.1 Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of January 22, 2019

Action (Consent): 3.2 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): 3.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 01/25/2019 for the FY 2019 Warrant 1347 in the Total Amount of $1,048,297.37
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 01/25/2019 totaling $1,048,297.37  (Exhibit B-02-12-2019)

Action (Consent): 3.4 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 12/31/2018 FY 2019 Warrant # WF 12/2018 in the amount of $128,505.73
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 12/31/2018 totaling $128,505.73  (Exhibit C-02-12-2019)

Action (Consent): 3.5 Resolution Commending Gary Belles for Service to the City of Carbondale
Resolution: Approve the Resolution commending Gary Belles for Service to the City of Carbondale  (Resolution 2019-R-12; Exhibit C-02-12-2019)

Action (Consent): 3.6 Approval of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Lining by Spectra Tech, LLC in the Amount of $43,500
Resolution: Approve the lining of a Sanitary Sewer Lift Station by Spectra Tech, LLC in the Amount of $43,500

Action (Consent): 3.7 Approval of a Temporary Easement to Ameren Illinois for the Construction of a Natural Gas Pipeline on East Main Street
Resolution: Approve a Temporary Easement to Ameren Illinois for the Construction of a Natural Gas Pipeline on East Main Street

Action (Consent): 3.8 Award of Purchase of Two (2) 31 Cubic Yard Dual Arm Fully-Automated Refuse Trucks to Key Equipment Company of Bridgeton, MO in the amount of $662,234 Resolution: Award the of Purchase of two (2) 31 Cubic Yard Dual Arm fully Automated Refuse Trucks to Key Equipment Company of Bridgeton, MO in the amount of $662,234; and declare the existing 2003 Freightliner rear load refuse truck (VIN#1FVHCYCS86HV69859) as surplus property for a trade-in

Action (Consent): 3.9 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Engineering Agreement with Asaturian Eaton and Associates P.C. in the Amount of $48,000 for the Design of the New Era Road Reconstruction (ST1901) Project Resolution: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Engineering Agreement with Asaturian Eaton and Associates P.C. in the amount of $48,000 for the Design of the New Era Road Reconstruction (ST1901) Project (Resolution 2019-R-13; Exhibit D-02-12-2019)

Action (Consent): 3.10 Resolution Authorizing a Three (3) Year Extension of the Manhole Rehabilitation Project (SA0901) with Spectra Tech, LLC Resolution: Approve a Three (3) Year Extension of the Manhole Rehabilitation Project (SA0901) with Spectra Tech, LLC (Resolution 2019-R-14; Exhibit E-02-12-2019)

Action (Consent): 3.11 Resolution Approving the Final Plat of the Quattro Development - Carbondale Minor Subdivision and the Subdivision Agreement Resolution: Adopt the Resolution approving the subdivision plat and subdivision agreement for Quattro Development – Carbondale (Resolution 2019-R-15; Exhibit F-02-12-2019)

Action (Consent): 3.12 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Bike Path Program Grant Resolution: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Bike Path Program Grant (Resolution 2019-R-16; Exhibit G-02-12-2019)

Action: 3.13 Resolution Appropriating $52,800 in Matching Funds for SIMPO Project to Reconstruct Freeman Street from Glenview Drive to Oakland Avenue

Pulled by J Doherty

Action (Consent): 3.14 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 Adam Loos, second by Carolin Harvey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, John M Henry

Action: 3.13 Resolution Appropriating $52,800 in Matching Funds for SIMPO Project to Reconstruct Freeman Street from Glenview Drive to Oakland Avenue

This item was pulled to highlight the information for the public. The funding for this project was rerouted from a round-about project which was denied by IDOT due to insufficient right-of-way. There were inquiries about building the roundabout with local funds and whether a bike lane would be included.

MOTION: Approve a Resolution appropriating $52,800 in matching funds for a SIMPO project to reconstruct Freeman Street from Glenview Drive to Oakland Avenue

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, John M Henry (Resolution 2019-R-17; Exhibit H-02-12-2019)

4. General Business of the City Council
Action: 4.1 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement with Champion Community Investments as Part of the DCEO Revolving Loan Fund Closeout Recapture Strategy

Council requested details regarding why the closeout of the Revolving Loan Fund program was occurring, who has benefitted, and additional clarification.

Don Monty provided additional details to the Council regarding the grant program. He inquired about what process the City will use to determine what projects will benefit from the additional funds and ensuring citizen participation.

MOTION: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement with Champion Community Investments as Part of the DCEO Revolving Loan Fund Closeout Recapture Strategy

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Navreet Kang.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, John M Henry (Resolution 2019-R-18; Exhibit I-02-12-2019)
Discussion: 4.2 City Council Discussion Regarding Downtown Parking

Council comments included not removing kiosks and signage, as a return to the metered parking system may happen; a suggestion that the purpose of charging for parking may have disappeared; thoughts on how to treat certain lots which see higher usage; concerns about budgetary impacts in not charging for parking or violations; what alternate sources of funding exist; exploring leases with SIU; consulting with the Gaia house before taking any action; approaching Evolve about an overnight pass; a consensus for a trial basis in the downtown; favor for and opposition to free parking for a two-hour period; having Main Street conduct a survey; having a trial period for a semester; providing permits to employees; having a sunset date for the Resolution; enforcement versus the hours of paid parking; inequity of daytime businesses whose customers pay for the lots versus nighttime businesses when enforcement ceases; and ensuring that there is plenty of PR about such a trial period. They asked about the location of certain lots; what additional factors contributed to the decline in revenues; and the capabilities of the kiosks for validation.

Don Monty noted his concerns including having parking near the businesses, residential use of public parking, the historic rationale for having metered parking, considering alternate limits on parking, and noting that expenses will continue and funding must be identified.

Charlie Howe indicated that the issue seems to revolve around planning and that structures such as Evolve should have been required to build a multilevel parking structure.

Nick Smaligo expressed his thanks for considering parking for employees, noted that the enlargement of the parking question creates additional issues, and encouraged Council not to lose sight of the original issue, parking for employees.

Sandy Litecky remarked that it’s an assumption that employers will tell their employees not to park directly in from of the business, customers do not want to walk, and Evolve residents will park for free at the parking lot and remain there, which is a big issue.

Anne Gaylord noted that there are senior citizen permits and perhaps employee permits can be issued in a similar fashion.

Action: 4.3 Ordinance Creating No Parking Zones on Various Streets Within the Northeast Quadrant of the City

Council inquiries included clarification regarding which side of the street will allow parking; what factors determined which side of the street was identified for parking or no parking; if there were any differences in this process versus the process for the northwest neighborhood; what adjustments had been made to the first draft; and concern about addressing speeding on Wall Street.

Kathryn Field expressed concern about the sufficiency of on-street parking for residents.

Barry Spehn suggested paying special attention to the parking on West Pecan.
MOTION: Approve an Ordinance Creating No Parking Zones on Various Streets within the Northeast Quadrant of the City

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Navreet Kang.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, John M Henry (Ordinance 2019-03; Exhibit J-02-12-2019)

5. Executive Session
Action: 5.1 Vote to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss the Setting of Price for the Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body and to Discuss Pending or Imminent Litigation

MOTION: Enter into an Executive Session to discuss the setting of price for sale or lease of property and pending or imminent litigation as permitted per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Carolin Harvey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, John M Henry
Open Session recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Action: 5.2 Motion to Reenter into Open Session

MOTION: Return to Open Session

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Carolin Harvey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, John M Henry
Not Present at Vote: Adam Loos
Open Session resumed at 9:09 p.m.

6. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting
Procedural: 6.1 Adjourn meeting

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk  Date