

**Local Liquor Control Commission and Regular City Council Meeting February 25, 2020
(Tuesday, February 25, 2020)**

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Councilmembers present

Councilmember Lee Fronabarger, Councilmember Tom Grant, Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Jessica Bradshaw, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, and Mayor Pro Tem Carolin Harvey

Councilmembers absent

Mayor John M. Henry

Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM

A meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission immediately preceded this meeting.

5. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 Roll Call

Procedural: 5.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Peggy Polovich noted that her property on South Oakland Avenue is experiencing flooding, provided an explanation for the cause of the flooding, and asked that the flooding pipe be corrected as part of the Oakland Avenue reconstruction.

Ginger Rye read from a petition which is being circulated in the Northeast neighborhood pertaining to increased violence and seeking the implementation of safety measures. She announced the next Women For Change meeting on March 12 and encouraged attendance.

Deanna Boozer noted that there is a safety problem and a crime issue in Carbondale which affects all of the city. She requested a response from the City and from other citizens in Carbondale.

Sandy Litecky, representing the League of Women Voters, announced a primary candidate forum on Tuesday and encouraged citizen attendance.

Darnecia Moultrie commented on issues she had at her previous address and stated that she did not expect that the city would give assistance relating to the violence.

Nancy Maxwell of Carbondale United noted she had left messages for the Mayor seeking his attendance at meetings which seek to find solutions to violence. She asked for members of the Council and the City to attend the next meeting on March 10 at the African American Museum.

Procedural: 5.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Loos inquired about an update on a lease to the Park District.

Councilmember Fronabarger announced the last home game for Men's Saluki Basketball, noting that they are in 3rd place in the MVC.

Councilmember Bradshaw announced a Mardi Gras music event by WDBX at Route 51 and Brews Brothers, and noted the start of the Big Muddy Film Festival which extends through March 1.

Councilmember Doherty recognized Councilmember Harvey for being her community service award from the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, asked the City Manager to address the rumor regarding the installation of security cameras in neighborhoods, and inquired if staff and Council would have representation at the community meetings

Councilmember Bradshaw shared some of her research findings on the Cure Violence organization and program.

Councilmember Fronabarger inquired if there were any neighborhood watch programs in the northeast.

City Manager Williams encouraged everyone to read *The Uninhabitable Earth* which was the selected book for a One Book, One City program and introduced Analisa Parker, who is the Assistant City Attorney.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Discussion, Information: 6.1 **Presentation by Bernardi Securities to Discuss the Issuance of Series 2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Robert Vail of Bernardi Securities briefly reviewed why it might be beneficial to refinance two bonds due to historically low bond interest rates. He responded to Council questions regarding taxable and tax-exempt bonds, costs for the refinancing versus the savings realized, noted that the term would not be extended, the impact of timing on the rates, Carbondale's credit rating, Bernardi's involvement with the Carbondale Park District bonds, the Park District's bond rating, the rating of the bonds being refinanced, and what risks there are for the City.

7. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 7.1 **Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 11, 2020** Resolution: Approve the City Council meeting minutes from February 11, 2020

Action (Consent): 7.2 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 02/07/2020 for the FY 2020 Warrant 1374 in the Total Amount of \$548,389.67**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 02/07/2020 totaling \$548,389.67 (*Exhibit A-02-25-2020*)

Action: 7.3 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Bicycle Path Grant Program Funds**

Pulled by L. Fronabarger

Action (Consent): 7.4 **Approve the Purchase of Five Replacement Light Poles for South Illinois Avenue in the Amount of \$45,433.35**

Resolution: Approve the Purchase of Five Replacement Light Poles for South Illinois Avenue in the Amount of \$45,433.35

Action: **7.5 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services to Develop the Storm Water Utility Billing Database with Raftelis Financial Services, Inc.**

Pulled by J Doherty

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

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

There was a question regarding recouping funds from insurance companies for replacement light poles.

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

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey

Action: **7.3 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Bicycle Path Grant Program Funds**

Council inquired about property ownership, when the lights were installed on the path, whether lighting would be included in the grant application, and whether the same type of lighting fixtures would be utilized.

MOTION: Pass a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Bicycle Path Grant Program Funds

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey
(*Resolution 2020-R-07; Exhibit B-02-25-2020*)

Action: **7.5 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services to Develop the Storm Water Utility Billing Database with Raftelis Financial Services, Inc.**

Council noted that in June 2019, as part of the feasibility study, the second phase was outreach for public input, inquired about what action and outreach has occurred since June 25, expressed concern about the action proposed prior to public outreach, requested details about what would be involved in developing this database, inquired about the compliance timeline for the MS4 EPA permit and costs versus funding, inquired about the MS4 requirements, the impact of the census on the designation, which communities are in the SIMPO, impact of delaying the agreement until public input, and why outreach has taken this length of time.

MOTION: Defer the action until after public input is obtained

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey

8. General Business of the City Council

Action: 8.1 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Engage the Firm of Bernardi Securities to be the Underwriter in the Issuance of the Series 2020 GO Refunding Bonds**

MOTION: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to engage the firm of Bernardi Securities to be the underwriter in the issuance of the Series 2020 GO Refunding Bonds

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey
(*Resolution 2020-R-09; Exhibit B-02-25-2020*)

9. Executive Session

Action: 9.1 **Executive Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property for Use by the Public Body and Whether a Particular Parcel Should Be Acquired**

MOTION: Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property for Use by the Public Body in Accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (c)(6) 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, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey
Open Session recessed at 7:34 p.m.

Action: 9.2 **Return to Open Session**

MOTION: Return to Open Session

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey
Open Session resumed at 8:29 p.m.

10. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 10.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date

