

Regular City Council Meeting April 13, 2021 (Tuesday, April 13, 2021)

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Council Members present

Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Jessica Bradshaw, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember Lee Fronabarger, Councilmember Tom Grant, Councilmember Carolin Harvey, and Mayor John M Henry

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

Procedural: 1.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Procedural: 1.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Fronabarger announced Green Earth's Native Plant Sale on Sunday, April 18, at Town Square.

Councilmember Grant urged citizens to continue exercising caution, practicing social distancing, and wearing face masks.

Mayor Henry agreed with Councilmember Grant and updated the public on the J and J vaccine being paused in its use. He noted a discussion with Governor's office about publicizing the ample available vaccine timeslots.

Councilmember Fronabarger noted that vaccine appointments aren't really necessary at this time and commented on the availability in the Civic Center and Banterra Center at SIU.

City Manager Williams commended police staff for their response to a shooting on Sunday morning, assisting and transporting a seriously injured individual, and noted that the City is going to do a better job of highlighting efforts such as these. Mayor Henry concurred.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Discussion: 2.1 Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2022 City Budget

Mayor Henry declared the public hearing open at 6:10 p.m., on April 13, 2021.

The City Clerk checked for communications in the email address established for Citizen Questions and Comments, the attendees of the meeting, and written comments in the online meeting application. There were no comments in any of the three available communication sources.

There being no public input, Mayor Henry declared the public hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): **3.1 Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of March 23, 2021**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting of March 23, 2021

Action (Consent): **3.2 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 02/28/2021 FY 2021 Warrant # WF 02/2021 in the amount of \$108,004.78**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 02/28/2021 totaling \$108,004.78 (*Exhibit A-04-13-2021*)

Action (Consent): **3.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 03/19/2021 for the FY 2021 Warrant 1403 in the Total Amount of \$372,987.63**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 03/19/2021 totaling \$372,987.63 (*Exhibit B-04-13-2021*)

Action (Consent): **3.4 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 04/01/2021 for the FY 2021 Warrant 1404 in the Total Amount of \$1,168,347.88**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 04/01/2021 totaling \$1,168,347.88 (*Exhibit C-04-13-2021*)

Action (Consent): **3.5 Approve the Purchase of Decorative Lights and Poles for the South Illinois Avenue Streetscape Project - Phase 3 from Sternberg Lighting of Roselle, IL through Lighting Associates of Webster Groves, MO in the amount of \$196,680.00**

Resolution: Approve the Purchase of Decorative Lights and Poles for the South Illinois Avenue Streetscape Project - Phase 3 from Sternberg Lighting of Roselle, IL through Lighting Associates of Webster Groves, MO in the amount of \$196,680.00

Action (Consent): **3.6 Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health in the Amount of \$6,744 to Purchase Automatic External Defibrillators and Backboards, Approving a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Fire Department's FY2021 Budget in the Amount of \$6,744, and Awarding the Purchase to AED Superstore in the Amount of \$5,871 and Awarding the Purchase to Bound Tree in the Amount of \$873**

Resolution: Accept a Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health in the Amount of \$6,744, Approve a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Fire Department's FY2021 Budget in the Amount of \$6,744, and Award the Purchase to AED Superstore in the Amount of \$5,871 and Award the Purchase to Bound Tree in the Amount of \$873 (*Ordinance 2021-06; Exhibit D-04-13-2021*)

Action (Consent): **3.7 Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 2022 Program for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys**

Resolution: Approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for appropriating \$661,460 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds pending review and approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation (*Resolution 2021-R-07; Exhibit E-04-13-2021*)

Action: 3.8 Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Support Services Division for Costs Related to the 2020 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Awards

Pulled by J. Doherty

Action: 3.9 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application for the Illinois Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant in the Amount of Up to \$1,000,000

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Action (Consent): 3.10 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Council inquired if there had been changes in prices on the decorative light poles. Public Works Director Henry indicated there had been a small increase in price.

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

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 3.8 Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Support Services Division for Costs Related to the 2020 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Awards

Pulled to highlight the Economic Development Office, Council, and City's efforts to pursue grant funding to help small businesses.

MOTION: Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Support Services Division for Costs Related to the 2020 Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Awards

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, John M Henry (*Ordinance 2021-07; Exhibit F-04-13-2021*)

Action: 3.9 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application for the Illinois Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant in the Amount of Up to \$1,000,000

Council inquired whether this was a competitive grant or if this application was a formality. City Manager Williams explained the nature of the proposed road diet for Wall Street between Main

Street and Park Street. This would result in two lanes of traffic instead of four, a turn lane, and two bike lanes, plus resurfacing. There was a question from Margaret Henry on what the impact would be on parking at Robins Nest and on the safety of children. City Manager noted this is a safety grant and that it will enhance the safety of the corridor. Council remarked on the need for synchronizing lights and the timing impact on traffic, and noted the bike lane will provide a buffer between vehicles and children on the sidewalk.

MOTION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the Illinois Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, John M Henry (*Resolution 2021-R-08; Exhibit G-04-13-2021*)

4. General Business of the City Council

Discussion: 4.1 Review and Discussion of the Proposed FY 2022 Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program

Council complimented the Staff on the document which is the budget; inquired about the annual percentage change for IMRF this year; remarked on a reduction in the number of sworn officers for the police department from 64 two years ago to 56 this year and the addition of a social worker position; remarked on the replacement of the 20 year animal control vehicle; inquired about the reduction of two firefighters in the budget; asked about the supervision of seasonal workers for the Parks Department; inquired about plans for the parking system and rental properties funds; suggested having a special study session to discuss economic development; asked about including EV charging stations at the SIMMS; and the number of firms who applied to be the SIMMS design team.

City Manager Williams noted that there are currently 56 sworn officers, but one is on long term military duty, and some retirements expected this year. He noted the challenges in hiring for police department, explaining the test results which began with 49 applicants to 4 candidates eligible to take oral interviews. Further, he noted that the area we are in need of the most assistance is in investigations, that the department is working on getting reaccredited, that the social worker position is still in negotiations with SIH, but their role would be to assist in mental health crisis calls and offer assistance to the community during downtime. Mr. Williams noted that there may be a grant opportunity to assist in filling fire vacancies, but that currently, we are at the bare minimum to continue operating. He noted that the seasonal workers in the Parks Department would be primarily supervised by the Forestry Department. Finance Director commented on the status and plans for the parking system and rental properties fund. City Manager Williams noted that the contract for the design team for the Southern Illinois Multi-Modal Station should be on the agenda soon, the opportunity for feedback from the public and Council will be forthcoming. He noted the building will be a LEED certified facility.

Mayor Henry noted that the Governor's Office asked the City to put out a press release on \$4.3 million in infrastructure repairs at SIU.

Margaret Henry inquired about the Social Worker position and why SIH was chosen to work with CPD in crisis services. She had a follow up inquiry regarding about the City's liability protection and about SIH's emphasis on diversity. Further, she asked about any Office of Inspector General Reports with SIH. Ginger Rye Sanders asked who the design team is and what the demographic makeup is.

Action: 4.2 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Agreement with David Schroeder for a Redevelopment Project at 110 South Marion Street

Council asked if solar installation is part of the eligible cost, whether this would be one Vacation Rental Unit, and the number of people permitted to stay. David Schroeder responded to Council inquiries.

MOTION: Approve Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Agreement with David Schroeder for a Redevelopment Project at 110 South Marion Street

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, John M Henry (*Resolution 2021-R-09; Exhibit H-04-13-2021*)

5. Executive Session

Action: 5.1 Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and Its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees

MOTION: Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and Its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees as Permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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 8:02 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date