Regular City Council Meeting March 7, 2017 (Tuesday, March 7, 2017)
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Council Members present
Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilman Adam Loos, and Mayor John M Henry

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 **Roll Call**

Procedural: 1.2 **General Announcements and Proclamations**

Councilman Loos announced a comedy show fundraiser benefitting the Varsity Center for the Arts' balcony renovation.

Councilman Fronabarger announced the early voting schedule at the Civic Center and County Clerk's office. He then reminded citizens about the time change on Sunday.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced A Day Without a Woman rally and picket line at the Town Square Pavilion on Wednesday, and a march at the Pavilion in solidarity with the Standing Rock nation on Saturday, followed by a fundraiser at 304 West Walnut.

Procedural: 1.3 **Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Jessalyn Holman asked that the City Council consider a proposed Ordinance entitled "A Safe Community Act" for the City of Carbondale. Mary Campbell read the proposed Ordinance.

Rodney Morris thanked the City Council, City Manager Williams, and Street Department Manager David Chamness for their efforts in cleaning drainage ditches.

Sandy Litecky on behalf of Keep Carbondale Beautiful announced the semi-annual native tree and shrub sale on March 25-26 at the SIU Arena.

Kate Heist expressed concern about the state of the university and asked that pressure be brought to bear upon the administration to prevent the university from cutting funding for research.

Procedural, Reports: 1.4 **Public Hearings and Special Reports**

None

2. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 2.1 Approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2017
Resolution: Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2017

Action (Consent): 2.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 01/30/2017 FY 2017 Warrant 1293 in the amount of $1,010,554.69
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 01/30/2017 totaling $1,010,554.69

Action (Consent): 2.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 02/13/2017 FY 2017 Warrant 1294 in the amount of $997,046.63
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 02/13/2017 totaling $997,046.63

Action (Consent): 2.4 Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Transfer Budgetary Funds
Resolution: It is recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance authorizing budget adjustments to transfer budgeted funds from the Information Services Division to the Support Services Division to provide funds for the contract with North Star Destination Strategies for community branding.

Action (Consent): 2.5 Resolution Declaring Fair Days for Carbondale Main Street's Fourth Friday Fairs
Resolution: Adopt a Resolution declaring Fair Days for the Fourth Friday Fairs at the Town Square Pavilion

Action (Consent): 2.6 Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 2018 Program for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys
Resolution: The City Council is requested to approve a Resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by a municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, appropriating $494,509.75 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds pending review and approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation

Action: 2.7 Resolution to Participate in a Cost-Sharing Agreement with the City of Murphysboro and Jackson County to Provide Matching Funds for an IDOT Box Culvert to Connect the Carbondale to Murphysboro Bike Trail

Agenda item 2.7 was pulled by L. Fronabarger for separate consideration.

Action (Consent): 2.8 Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees
Resolution: Accept the approved meeting minutes from the Boards, Commissions, and Committees and place them on file.

Action (Consent): 2.9 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

MOTION: Approval of Consent Agenda Items not pulled for separate consideration, including 2.1 - 2.6 and 2.8

Motion by Navreet Kang, second by Carolin Harvey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Action: 2.7 Resolution to Participate in a Cost-Sharing Agreement with the City of Murphysboro and Jackson County to Provide Matching Funds for an IDOT Box Culvert to Connect the Carbondale to Murphysboro Bike Trail

Council noted that two other governmental units would be cooperating with the City in order to accomplish this project and expressed thanks to the City of Murphysboro for their equal funding participation.

MOTION: Approve the resolution to participate in a cost-sharing agreement with the City of Murphysboro and Jackson County to provide matching funds for an IDOT box culvert to connect the Carbondale to Murphysboro bike trail.

Motion by Lee Fronabarger, second by Tom Grant.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

3. General Business of the City Council

Discussion: 3.1 **Discussion Regarding Community Agency Funding for the FY 2018 Budget**

Council discussed the individual organization funding requests, commented on those requests which sought additional funding, as well as organizations who need to complete required training, and responded to the Staff recommendations relating to funding levels.

Randy Osborne, Margaret Nesbitt, Cinnamon Smith, and Ted Gutierrez commented on the applications from their respective organizations and responded to City Council inquiries.

Elius Reed asked about the total funding for all organizations.

Action: 3.2 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to Establish Southern Illinois Airport as an Independent Area**

Nathan Colombo asked about what potential revenue might be foregone in the event that the land were not to be annexed. Council requested additional clarification about the agreement and exhibit.

MOTION: Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter an intergovernmental agreement establishing Southern Illinois Airport as an independent area.

Motion by Navreet Kang, second by Carolin Harvey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Discussion: 3.3 **Discussion Regarding the Establishment of No Parking Areas on Certain Streets in Carbondale's Northwest Neighborhood**

There were no additional comments in response to Staff's recommendations.

Action: 3.4 **An Ordinance Approving the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce's Request for a Text Amendment to Title 15 as it Relates to Certain Prohibited Signage**

Individuals speaking on behalf of the signage change included Darren Berger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Brad Weiss, owner of the Furniture King, and Ted Gutierrez.

Individuals speaking in opposition to the signage change included Don Monty and Sarah Heist.

Sandy Litecky who served on the committee which established the recommendations explained how the parameters came about.

Nathan Colombo recommended utilizing electronic means to report a business' usage of a pre-purchased number of permits as a more efficient means of processing applications.

City Council questions and comments included the rationale behind the proposed minimum and maximum time periods for the inflatables, streamers, and pennants; the durability of the materials used for the production of the items; suggestions for alternate display minimums and maximums and permitting processes; explanation of the current permit process; ordinance provisions to ensure visibility is protected; requirements for maintaining the signage; remarks about the enforcement during the weekend; flexibility for modifying display days; concerns about eroding the regulations around the sign ordinance; and discussion about appropriate time periods for both inflatables and pennants/streamers.

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance approving the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce's request for a Text Amendment to Title 15 relating to certain prohibited signs as recommended by the Carbondale Planning Commission, with the change noted in section N.5 establishing a minimum display period of 48 hours to no more than 96-hours per calendar month and allowing pennants and streamers for a minimum period of 48 hours to no more than 150 days per year.

Motion by Carolin Harvey, second by Tom Grant.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, John M Henry
Nay: Jessica Bradshaw, Adam Loos

Action: 3.5 **An Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Multiple Properties from SB, Secondary Business, to BPR, Primary Business**

Persons speaking in opposition to the rezoning request included Mark Holt, owner of Holt Tire property; R. E. Bridges, owner of property on the corner of Washington and Elm; Linda Holt, co-owner of Holt Tire; Pat Eckert, owner of property at 110 South Marion; and Steve Payne owner of a parcel at Walnut and Washington. Margaret Nesbitt asked about the inclusion of Rock Hill Baptist Church in the rezoning and Sidney Logwood explained that the church was concerned about whether this rezoning would result in an increase or decrease in property value.

Council inquired about the changes of allowed uses between SB and BPR zoning, explanation for the exclusion of the parcel upon which Coleman Lawn is located, whether a false second story would be acceptable, whether variances would be possible for certain modifications to a property, whether or not Rock Hill Church was included in this rezoning request, clarification of Land Use Intensity for each zoning classification, inquiries about the recommendations from the Downtown Master Plan for the properties

in question, reviewing Title Fifteen Code regarding use, whether or not to delay acting on this item, remarks relating to insuring property, and suggestions for creating an overlay for certain districts.

City Council posed several potential scenarios to the Development Services Director. Councilmembers shared their thoughts about this item and support or opposition to the rezoning request, as well as appropriate zoning due to the surrounding properties.

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance approving the rezoning of multiple properties from SB, Secondary Business, to BPR, Primary Business as recommended by City staff

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Carolin Harvey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos
Nay: Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, John M Henry

4. Council Comments for the City Council

Information: 4.1 **An opportunity for City Council members to offer general comments**

Carlton Smith addressed the City Council regarding the increase in rent for the I Can Read program at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. Mayor Henry responded to Mr. Smith's comments.

Councilman Loos expressed his approval for the Safe Community Act Ordinance proposed during Citizen Comments and asked if Council supported the review of the Zoning Code.

Councilman Grant noted his approval for a review of the Zoning Code, particularly overlay districts like a historical district or traditional neighborhood district.

Councilwoman Bradshaw expressed her approval of the Sanctuary State Act and asked that letters to state representatives also be sent out should a resolution be approved.

5. **Executive Session**

None

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

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved:

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