

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilman Adam Loos, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, and Mayor John M. Henry

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, Acting City Manager Gary Williams, and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

1. Presentation of Illinois Professional Emergency Manager Plaque to OEM Coordinator/Fire Captain Mike Hertz

Fire Captain Mike Hertz's accreditation as an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager was commended and he received a plaque recognizing his achievements.

2. Proclamation of October as Community Planning Month in Carbondale

Mayor Henry proclaimed the month of October as Community Planning Month in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Mayor Henry expressed his approval of the cultural diversity training provided to public safety personnel, City staff, elected officials, and local officials in order to enhance communication skills and create improved interactions between all parties.

Councilman Kang announced that volunteers are needed for the Carbondale Pumpkin Race which will be on October 31 and will include pie eating and costume contests.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced that on Tuesday, October 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Public Library, the Sparrow Coalition will discuss how the budget crisis is affecting regional social services providers.

Councilwoman Harvey announced two events which will be held at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. The first is a sock hop on Friday, October 23, and the second is a free breakfast for veterans on Saturday, October 31.

Councilman Fronabarger announced the annual Great Glass Pumpkin sale at the Pavilion on Saturday, October 24. Further, he noted that Saturday is SIU's Homecoming parade and football game.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Paul Smith, 1810 New Era Road, commented on a code violation ticket he received and the visibility issue posed by trying to display his truck beds in a fenced-in area. Development Services Director Chris Wallace explained the history with this issue and noted that the goal is to achieve compliance. Mr. Wallace offered an alternative. There was back and forth discussion on the matter trying to arrive at a

resolution.

Jerry Goforth announced that Carbondale Crimestoppers will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, October 31, at Murdale True Value.

Margaret Nesbitt, James and Thelma Walker Avenue, announced that the annual Denim and Diamonds fundraiser for the I Can Read Program will be hosted at the Carbondale Elks on Saturday, November 14.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

None.

5. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of October 6 and the Special City Council Meetings of September 30 and October 7, 2015. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for the Period Ending 09/28/2015 FY 2016 Warrant # 1255 in the amount of \$1,981,759.27. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1255. (Exhibit A-10-20-2015)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept and place on file the minutes of the Human Relations Commission from September 14, 2015 and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners from September 2, 2015.
4. Resolution Authorizing the negotiation of and entering into Agreements with Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development, Jackson County Health Department, and IDOT. Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution authorizing negotiation of and entering into partnership agreements. (Resolution 2015-R-40; Exhibit B-10-20-2015)
5. Ordinance Amending the FY 2016 Budget to provide funds for the purchase of Cemetery property and authorizing a Budget Adjustment to increase the overall FY 2016 Budget by \$202,000.00. Recommendation: Approve an Ordinance amending the FY 2016 Budget to purchase property for the Oakland Cemetery. (Ordinance 2015-44; Exhibit C-10-20-2015)

MOTION: N. Kang moved, J. Bradshaw seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

1. Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Execute an Amended Contract with Jeff Grubbs as Chief of Police

MOTION: T. Grant moved, N. Kang seconded, to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into an amended contract with Jeff Grubbs as Chief of Police. DISCUSSION: Mayor Henry read a brief statement regarding this matter before the Council. Councilmembers shared or refrained from their own personal comments regarding this issue. Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, provided a hand out to the City Council, asked a series of questions regarding two separate job announcements, interview process, and employment contract for the Police Chief.

VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2015-R-41; Exhibit D-10-20-2015)

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate a Contract for Interim City Manager

MOTION: C. Harvey moved, L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor

to enter into a contract with Gary Williams as Interim City Manager. DISCUSSION: Elius Reed asked a question which was not relevant to this agenda item. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2015-R-42; Exhibit E-10-20-2015)

3. Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter into a Contract Purchase of Real Estate Adjacent to Oakland Cemetery for \$202,000

MOTION: L. Fronabarger moved, N. Kang seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract to purchase Real Estate Adjacent to Oakland Cemetery.

DISCUSSION: None. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2015-R-43; Exhibit F-10-20-2015)

4. Council Discussion Regarding Policy Goals for the FY 2017 Budget

DISCUSSION: The City Council members itemized key policy goals that they would like to see addressed during the FY 2017 Budget year. Topics highlighted included, but were not limited to: Economic Development, pursuing the management review, proceeding with the Downtown Master Plan, bike lanes, streamlining processes, Gigabit City emphasis, annexation policy, beautification, improving recreation opportunities, creating more cooperative partnerships, increasing rehab and revitalization of homes and neighborhoods, improving quality of life, identifying new sources of revenue, developing industrial park, improving current infrastructure, reviewing social services funding, identifying new industry, and instituting a storm water utility tax.

Sandy Litecky asked the Council to speak directly into their microphones.

Donald Monty, 418 South Giant City Road, suggested reviewing the five-year projection, encouraged pursuit of the management review, remarked on issues with and possible solutions to street, storm sewer, and curb improvements, noted that the gasoline tax might be an area to consider, and responded to some Council suggestions.

Jim Dooley, 602 South Terrace Drive, offered suggestions for economic improvements including developing industry around the airport and seeking an aggressive venture capital organization for the University's business incubator.

7. Council Comments

Councilman Kang shared observations about the Styrofoam containers littering the street following the unofficial Halloween weekend. Mayor Henry commented on the weekend's success.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
