

Regular City Council Meeting September 22, 2020 (Tuesday, September 22, 2020)

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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 6:00 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

Procedural: 1.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Citizen Comments from Sandy Litecky announcing Keep Carbondale Beautiful's Fall Native Tree Sale and inviting citizens to watch the League of Women Voters online candidate forums for the 2020 election were read by the City Clerk.

Citizen Comments from Elius Reed requesting a City Council and citizen discussion of the 2020 Affirmative Action Plan was read by the City Clerk.

Procedural: 1.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Bradshaw noted that there were 8 days to fill out the census; she thanked local restaurants for conducting fundraising events for local organizations;

Councilmember Loos asked the City Manager to follow-up on the City's intention insofar as Evergreen and Superblock. He then suggested placing the one-year notice for Evergreen on a future agenda. Councilmember Fronabarger suggested waiting until the lease expires for the Superblock and to send the one year notice for Evergreen. Councilmember Grant concurred with Mr. Fronabarger's suggestion regarding leases, and suggested re-checking the Superblock lease that there isn't an option for automatic renewal.

The Council discussed how to address trick-or-treating in light of CDC's recommendation. Suggestions included placing treats on a table so that there was no person-to-person interaction, not holding trick-or-treating, checking with the Health Department for guidance, blocking off Glenview entirely to allow for more spacing between individuals, passing an Ordinance to prohibit trick-or-treating, finding out if it can be done safely, talking to other Halloween event organizers, and taking action at the next meeting or a special meeting, if required. City Clerk Sorrell noted the date of the next meeting and that the first public inquiry regarding Halloween was received today.

Councilmember Harvey emphasized the importance of completing the census and getting out to vote.

Councilmember Grant asked the City Manager to provide an update on the construction projects on Walnut Street, Oakland Avenue, Sunset bridge reconstruction, and the Chautauqua roundabout. City Councilmembers commented on and made inquiries relating to specific

projects.

The City Council observed a moment of silence for the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Discussion: **2.1 A Public Hearing Regarding the Establishment of a Resident-Only Parking Area on North Washington Street between East Birch and East Larch and also on East Birch, East Willow, and East Larch Streets between North Washington and North Marion Streets**

The Public Hearing was declared open at 6:31 p.m.

Council inquired about who initiated the petition; which businesses were involved; the nature of the business; inquired about why there would be four permits issued per household; what materials the permits would be; the language was taken from City Code; if the permits would be tied to a specific address or vehicle; a suggestion to charge a minimal fee to take ownership of the permits; the history behind how the number of resident parking permits was derived; disagreement on charging a fee for a neighborhood being adversely affected by a business; whether the permit was valid for a specific district; avoiding over-managing this matter; the ticketing of guests who forget to utilize a permit; and how to address the issue which involves the business.

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:45 p.m.

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): **3.1 Minutes from the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Park District from August 31, 2020, and the Regular City Council Meeting of September 8, 2020**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Park District on August 31, 2020, and the Regular Meeting minutes of the City Council from September 8, 2020

Action (Consent): **3.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 09/04/2020 for the FY 2021 Warrant 1389 in the Total Amount of \$757,188.69**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 09/04/2020 totaling \$757,188.69 (*Exhibit A-09-22-2020*)

Action (Consent): **3.3 Ordinance Pertaining to the Local CURE Program and Submission of the Financial Support Conditions and Certification** (*Ordinance 2020-31; Exhibit B-09-22-2020*)

Action (Consent): **3.4 Approve a Change Order in the Amount of \$30,000 for Additional Engineering Design Services to TWM Consultants, to Amend the Plans and Specifications for CIP OS1704 - NW Bike and Pedestrian Path Phase I**

Resolution: Approve a change order in the amount of \$30,000 to TWM Consultants for additional engineering services to complete design of the NW bike path phase I.

Action (Consent): **3.6 Award of Purchase of Police Vehicles and Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to the Police Department FY 2021 Budget**

Resolution: Approve an Ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment increasing the Police Department's FY2021 budget in the amount of \$93,231.00. (*Ordinance 2020-32; Exhibit C-09-22-2020*)

Action (Consent): 3.7 **Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code Relative to Allowing Vacation Rental Units in the Primary Business District without requiring the operator to reside there**

Resolution: Adopt an Ordinance Amending Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code Excepting the Primary Business District from the Standard Which Requires the Operator of a Vacation Rental Unit to Reside On-Site (*Ordinance 2020-33; Exhibit D-09-22-2020*)

Action: 3.8 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Grant Applications to the Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization for Various Roadway Improvement Projects** (*Resolution 2020-R-58; Exhibit E-09-22-2020*)

Action: 3.9 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation Special Bridge Program for CIP ST1304 - Chautauqua Bridge Replacement at Little Crab Orchard Creek** (*Resolution 2020-R-59; Exhibit F-09-22-2020*)

Action (Consent): 3.10 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

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

Council noted the purpose of agenda item 3.6, the award of purchase of police vehicles, and asked for a summary of item 3.3, an Ordinance pertaining to the Local CURE program, inquired about the origin of the Title 15 text amendment, and asked how parking would be addressed by agenda item 3.7.

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

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. General Business of the City Council

Action: 4.1 **Ordinance Requiring Employers to Ensure Employees Wear Face Coverings**

Council indicated how they would vote; remarked on their disappointment with a particular business which is violating the mask ordinance; inquired how would the businesses be advised of the Ordinance; asked that the proper way to wear a mask also be conveyed; asked about whether the city had considered issuing a daycare license; inquired about the minimum and maximum fines per day; and suggested revisiting the idea of business licenses.

MOTION: Adopt an ordinance requiring employers to ensure employees wear face coverings.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Jessica Bradshaw.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, John M Henry (*Ordinance 2020-34; Exhibit G-09-22-2020*)

5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date