

Local Liquor Control Commission and Regular City Council Meeting April 23, 2024 (Tuesday, April 23, 2024)

Generated by Jennifer R Sorrell on Thursday, April 25, 2024

Commissioners present

Commissioner Clare Killman, Commissioner Nancy Maxwell (attended remotely), Commissioner Ginger Rye Sanders, Commissioner Jeff Doherty, Commissioner LaCaje Hill, and Chairperson Carolin Harvey

Members absent

Commissioner Adam Loos

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM

5. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 Roll Call

Following Roll Call, action to permit the attendance of Commissioner Maxwell to attend remotely, as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

MOTION: Allow Councilmember Maxwell to attend remotely.

Motion by Ginger Rye Sanders, second by Jeff Doherty

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey

Procedural: 5.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Speakers addressing the City Council during this item included Rodney Morris, Samara Makhdoom, Macklin (last name unclear), Adam NLM, Connor Sullivan, James Cooper, Jr., Gage McPhail, Norma Brown, Yolanda Dean, and Dianah McGreehan.

Procedural: 5.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Killman remarked on the drafting of a resolution relating to the Israel and Palestine conflict, suggested reconsidering public comments, and noted that she is pursuing a degree in public policy.

Councilmember Hill responded to select comments from the public.

Councilmember Rye Sanders expressed her thanks to Councilmember Killman, announced the Women for Change's Garden Gala on May 4, and endorsed the City mowing easements.

Interim Stan Reno announced the dates of the annual Spring Cleanup.

Mayor Harvey announced a community gathering at the Carbondale Library on April 30 for the purpose of discussing the unrest in the Middle East.

Procedural: 5.4 Proclamations for Arbor Day, Destination Healthy Aging Caregiver Conference Day, National Crime Victims' Week, National Small Business Week

Mayor Harvey declared April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day and encouraged the public to join in this observance by appreciating trees and promoting planting trees to beautify and improve the environment.

Mayor Harvey declared April 21-27, 2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and encouraged the community to support efforts to assist all victims of crime during this week and throughout the year.

Mayor Harvey declared April 23, 2024, as Destination Healthy Aging Caregiver Conference Day and encouraged citizens to recognize the importance of paid and unpaid caregivers as they strive to create a more caring and compassionate community.

Mayor Harvey declared April 28 – May 4, 2024, as National Small Business Week and urged residents to acknowledge the achievements made by small business owners and entrepreneurs in the community.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports

7. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 7.1 **Approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024**

Resolution: Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024.

Action (Consent): 7.2 **Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 01/31/2024 FY 2024 Warrant # WF 01/2024 in the amount of \$130,686.15**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 01/31/2024 totaling \$130,686.15 (*Exhibit A-04-23-2024*)

Action (Consent): 7.3 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 04/12/2024 for the FY 2024 Warrant 1483 in the Total Amount of \$1,973,841.48**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 04/12/2024 totaling \$1,973,841.48 (*Exhibit B-04-23-2024*)

Action (Consent): 7.4 **Reappointment to Boards and Commissions**

Resolution: Council is requested to concur with Mayor Harvey's recommended reappointment to Boards and Commissions.

Action (Consent): 7.5 **Contract in the Amount of \$53,500 to McVicker Excavating, Inc., Herrin, IL, for the Demolition of Six Abandoned, Blighted Residential Structures, Bid as Various Residential Demolitions 2024, Round 1.**

Resolution: Award the contract in the amount of \$53,500 to McVicker Excavating, Inc., Herrin IL, for the demolition of six abandoned, blighted residential structures, bid as Various Residential Demolitions 2024 Round 1.

Action: 7.6 Purchase of Three (3) Police Vehicles from Vogler Ford, Carbondale, IL in the Amount of \$147,348 and an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Police Department's FY24 Budget in the amount of \$147,350.

Pulled by C. Killman

Action (Consent): 7.7 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Agenda Item 7.5 –

Jeremiah Koonce inquired about the awarding of the contract for agenda item 7.5.

Kevin Wheetley expressed his frustration about the bidding process.

Elius Reed noted that he has not received any work in Carbondale and is working in Missouri.

Luke Herron Titus expressed concern about the quality of materials being used given the difference between the two bidders.

Councilmembers commented on the need to utilize local contractors, remarked on the need to change the contract process, and inquired about minority workers for the bids that were received.

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

Motion by LaCaje Hill, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Nancy Maxwell

Action: 7.6 Purchase of Three (3) Police Vehicles from Vogler Ford, Carbondale, IL in the Amount of \$147,348 and an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Police Department's FY24 Budget in the amount of \$147,350.

Connor Sullivan asked about the use of the vehicles and stated that these funds should be reallocated to a budget deficit.

MOTION: Award the purchase of three (3) vehicles from Vogler Ford, Carbondale, IL in the amount of \$147,348 and approve an Ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment to increasing the Police Department's FY2024 budget in the amount of \$147,348.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Clare Killman *(Ordinance 2023-09; Exhibit C-04-23-2024)*

8. General Business of the City Council

Action: 8.1 Ordinance Adopting the Operating Budget for the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Public Library for FY 2025 and an Ordinance Adopting a Pay Plan for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees for FY 2025

1. Approve an Ordinance for the City of Carbondale and Carbondale Public Library Annual Operating Budget in the amount of \$87,335,071 for the Fiscal Year 2025, which includes the period from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.
2. Approve an Ordinance adopting the pay plan for non-bargaining unit employees with a pay increase for FY 2025, which includes the period from May 1, 2024, and ends April 30, 2025.

Motion by Ginger Rye Sanders, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Clare Killman (*Ordinances 2023-10 & 2023-11; Exhibits D- and E-04-23-2024*)

Action: 8.2 Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute Contracts with Community Agencies and Organizations

Council commented on Staff and Council conducting site visits, asked that Staff compile a checklist to ensure consistent application of rules during Staff visits, and noted they are looking forward to receiving and reviewing quarterly reports.

Connor Sullivan expressed support for conducting site visits and offered enforcement suggestions.

Elius Reed asked if this resolution applied to ARPA funding.

MOTION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute contracts with Community Agencies and Organizations

Motion by Clare Killman, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey
(*Resolution 2023-R-18; Exhibit F-04-23-2024*)

Action: 8.3 Resolution Approving the Five-Year Community Investment Program for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029

Council expressed their appreciation for the Staff's efforts in completing the budget items.

Donald Monty noted that narratives for the CIP projects have not been updated.

Elius Reed stated that local individuals should receive work.

MOTION: Adopt a Resolution approving the Five-Year Community Investment Program for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029 in the amount of \$62,329,597.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey
(*Resolution 2023-R-19; Exhibit G-04-23-2024*)

Action: 8.4 Contract for the Replacement of Metal Roofing at the City of Carbondale's Cedar Lake Office to Clover Roofing of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Amount of \$26,845

Council asked about the prior vote on this item, which had been previously voted upon, but lacked sufficient votes to pass by the requisite 2/3rds majority for an exception to the formal contract procedure for emergency repairs.

Samara Makhdoom asked about votes needed for a cease-fire resolution.

MOTION: Award a Contract for the Replacement of Metal Roofing at the City of Carbondale's Cedar Lake Office to Clover Roofing of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Amount of \$26,845

Motion by Clare Killman, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey

9. Executive Session

Action: 9.1 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 Jeff Doherty, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey
Open session recessed at 7:52 p.m.

Action: 9.2 Return to Open Session

MOTION: Return to Open Session

Motion by Clare Killman, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey
Open session resumed at 8:46 p.m.

10. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 10.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date