Local Liquor Control Commission and Regular City Council Meeting June 11, 2024 (Tuesday, June 11, 2024)
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Councilmembers present
Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember LaCaje Hill, Councilmember Clare Killman, Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Nancy Maxwell, and Mayor Carolin Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM
1. Preliminaries to the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting
Procedural: 1.1 **Roll Call**

5. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting
Procedural: 5.1 **Roll Call**

Procedural: 5.2 **Citizens' Comments and Questions**
Individuals addressing the City Council included Chastity Mays, Marcella Woodson, James Cooper, Jr., Adam Turl, Crystal Kellum, Tish Turl, Ernestine Hughlett, Dawn Roberts, Clover Johnson, and Keith Felty.

Procedural: 5.3 **Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**
Councilmember Loos asked that the energy aggregation contract be brought back to the agenda as there is a 120 day requirement before the triggering event. He asked staff to prevail upon IDOT to act on narrowing lanes and implementing other traffic-slowing measures and noted that when the revision of public comments returns to the Council for action that a provision be included for public comments during special meetings must be germane to the subject of the special meeting. He then responded to public comments regarding case law and extended an apology to Staff members Robert Hardin, Christi Green, and Sharonda Cawthon, for his omissions for his failure to raise a point of order.

Councilmember Rye Sanders identified and thanked those who came out to support the Women For Change Big Event and continuing the discussion about gun violence.

Mayor Harvey declared Wednesday, June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth in the City of Carbondale and encouraged all citizens to pay tribute to the journey and embrace the past and future that unity, respect, and appreciation brings.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports
Information, Reports: 6.1 **Presentation from Dr. Glenn Poshard on Behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois**
Dr. Glenn Poshard thanked the City Council for the past support of the Boys and Girls Clubs of southern Illinois and requested support from the City to help reopen the Boys and Girls Clubs locations in order to reapply for federal grant funds. He reviewed responses outlined in a document provided to Councilmembers relating to those questions received during the past two weeks.

Council commented on a deficit of affordable childcare options, asked how much is being requesting, who will be the new director, expressed concerns and reservations regarding diversity of board members and the treatment of staff, question about the amount donated by the corporate body of the City of Marion, inquiry about the new or temporary location in Carbondale, concern about the expense of demolishing the former location of the Boys and Girls Club, concern about the lack of transparency when the doors closed, a desire to see increased transparency,

Bob Wills agreed with Dr. Poshard about what should happen and suggested the usage of Eurma C. Hayes Center for a possible location. He encouraged looking at the refurbished building, stating the location could address diversity concerns.

Chastity Mays noted her concern about request for funding to reopen, citing a lack of transparency, allegations of abuse, and a lack of programming.

Raydeane Woods echoed concerns about transparency, board members, and programs. She asked what the Club has to offer to the children and the need for involvement of the community.

Imani McHenry expressed her disappointment of the abandonment through their abrupt closure. She indicated that they need to come to the community to listen and ask questions and there is a need to rebuild trust.

Donald Monty gave a historic perspective on a long-occurring issue of organized programming for youth. He indicated that the City was instrumental in bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Carbondale due to the resources they have at a national level.

Aiisha Walton noted that the Club had the potential to be great. She remarked on staffing issues back when her son attended, noting they were overworked and underpaid. The priority needs to be on the number of staff and what they are paid, as well as ensuring good hiring practices

Break observed at 8:00 p.m. until 8:11 p.m.

Reports: 6.2 **Presentation of the Carbondale Economic Development Strategic Plan to Accelerate Recovery from the COVID Pandemic**

Note from Clerk: The discussion during this presentation extended an hour and forty-five minutes.. The full audio and video is available through the City's website. Please contact the City Clerk's Office for assistance in locating this item.

Kevin Crowder and Ken Stapleton of BusinessFlare, LLC, reviewed some of the highlights and recommendations included in the report and presentation for a three- to five-year strategic plan and responded to comments and questions from the City Council.

Councilmembers noted multiple errors in the plan and the impact of those errors, remarked on the dominance of the downtown in the report, asked about the perception of the City's brand and a brand for the downtown, asked what Carbondale is post-SIU, noted challenges that Carbondale faces, asked what brings people here in the face of certain challenges, discussed the downtown aesthetics, asked about the impacts of specific initiatives, noted the importance of mixed-use, the need for including attraction mechanisms, identified the housing areas nearest the downtown for development and improvement incentives, concern that the plan includes and reaches all people in the City, particularly those who need help the most, questions about tourism and marketing, providing activities for the youth, having parity between those seeking outdoor entertainment with those who are not oriented to outdoor activity,

Pheral Lamb Fine, president of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association, noted those issues that he liked including mixed-use development, flexible zoning, tapping unused potential for parking lots, etc. He noted appreciation for comments made by the City Council. He stressed the importance to include neighborhood and citizen organizations in discussions.

Donald Monty noted that despite a nationwide cliff in university enrollment in the near future, the university is still a major contributor in the community, remarked on the errors in the report, and suggested deferring action on the adoption of the plan until the corrections can be made.

Jane Adams noted she is pleased by the emphasis of aesthetics, place, and quality of life that can contribute to bringing people to Carbondale. She commented on the impact of housing and neighborhood blight as an area of focus. She recommended some modifications to the plan and focusing on a targeted area. She also emphasized community engagement of those located within the impacted areas.

7. <u>Consent Agenda of the City Council</u>
Action (Consent): 7.1 **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2024**
Resolution: Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of May 28, 2024

Action (Consent): 7.2 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 05/10/2024 for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Warrant 1485 in the Total Amount of $2,389,880.20**
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 05/10/2024 totaling $2,389,880.20 *(Exhibit A-06-11-2024)*

Action (Consent): 7.3 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 05/24/2024 for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Warrant 1486 in the Total Amount of $2,429,632.72**
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 05/24/2024 totaling $2,429,632.72 *(Exhibit B-06-11-2024)*

Action (Consent): 7.4 **Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees**
Resolution: Approve the meeting minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees and place them on file.

Action (Consent): 7.5 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with Hutchison Engineering Inc of Carbondale, IL to Perform Phase III Engineering for the Il 13 Bike Path (CIP OS2101) in the amount of $198,835**

Resolution: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with Hutchison Engineering Inc of Carbondale, IL to Perform Phase III Engineering for the Il 13 Bike Path (CIP OS2101) in the amount of $198,835 *(Resolution 2024-R-41; Exhibit C-06-11-2024)*

Action: 7.6 **An Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant Account to Police Protection Budget in the Amount of $80,000 and Increasing the Police Budget by the Same Amount**
Adopt an Ordinance approving a budget adjustment to transfer funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant Account to Police Protection Budget in the Amount of $80,000 and increasing the Police Budget by the same amount.
Pulled by C. Killman

Action (Consent): 7.7 **Conditionally Award the Purchase of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funded Street Maintenance Materials, Pending Concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to: Illini Asphalt, Benton, IL, for Section 25-00000-02-GM Group A in the amount of $55,958.33; Section 25-00000-01-GM Groups A,C, and G to Beelman Logistics LLC of East St Louis, IL, in the amount of $22,921, Group E to Abell Construction of Carbondale in the amount of $6,669 and Group F to Illini Asphalt of Benton, IL, in the amount of $16,280; and, Approve the Purchase of Non-MFT Maintenance Materials to be Awarded to Beelman Logistics LLC, East St Louis, IL, for Groups B and D in the amount of $33,740 and the Cemetery Road Chip seal to Illini Asphalt, Benton, IL, in the amount of $6,179.50**
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Action (Consent): 7.8 **Approval of Amended Non-Bargaining Unit Employees Classification Plan FY 2025**
Resolution: Approve the revised FY2025 Non-Bargaining Unit Positions Classification Plan *(Resolution 2024-R-42; Exhibit E-06-11-2024)*

Action (Consent): 7.9 **Acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from RLH Properties for Parcels of Land Located Along Logan Street**
Resolution: Accept the Quit Claim Deed from RLH Properties

Action (Consent): 7.10 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**
Resolution: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

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

Motion by LaCaje Hill, second by Jeff Doherty.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell, Carolin Harvey
Nay: Ginger Rye Sanders

Action: 7.6 **An Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant Account to Police Protection Budget in the Amount of $80,000 and Increasing the Police Budget by the Same Amount**
Jarius Harvey noted that votes should be yay or nay.

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance approving a budget adjustment to transfer funds from the Illinois Attorney General Organized Retail Crime Grant Account to Police Protection Budget in the Amount of $80,000 and increasing the Police Budget by the same amount.

Motion by LaCaje Hill, second by Jeff Doherty.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Carolin Harvey
Nay: Clare Killman *(Ordinance 2024-15; Exhibit D-06-11-2024)*

8. <u>General Business of the City Council</u>
Action: 8.1 **A Resolution Adopting the Carbondale Economic Development Strategic Plan to Accelerate Recovery from the COVID Pandemic**

Item to return at a future meeting with corrections made.

Procedural: Enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation
No Action

9. <u>Adjournment of the City Council Meeting</u>
Procedural: 9.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk Date