

Local Liquor Control Commission and Regular City Council Meeting September 10, 2024 (Tuesday, September 10, 2024)

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Councilmembers present

Councilmember LaCaje Hill, Councilmember Clare Killman, Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Nancy Maxwell, Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, and Mayor Carolin Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM

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 Sandy Litecky, Marcella Woodson, Tanisha Graham, James Cooper, Jr., Cole Blandford, and Jarius Harvey.

Procedural: 5.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Loos requested a legal opinion about the process for establishing no parking signs, as to whether Council action was required prior to such placement, and urged moving forward with the Housing Ordinances regardless of insufficient interest in serving on the public board regarding those ordinances.

Councilmember Killman concurred with and expressed support for Mr. Loos' comments and recommendations.

Councilmember Rye-Sanders indicated that she would like the SIMMS on the agenda before the project finishes to focus on her concerns about what percentage is complete and why we are not meeting our goals relating to tradesmen.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Discussion, Information: 6.1 Progress Report | Energy Sovereignty, Security & Democracy Proposal

Note from Clerk: The progress report presentation and questions from the City Council extended over one hour and twenty minutes. For the full video of this portion of the meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office to be directed to the video on the City's website.

Sustainability Coordinator Lauren Becker presented a progress report since an initial presentation on May 23, 2023, outlining the number of no-match grants obtained since March 2022, the partnership with the Village of Dowell, and provided information about a possible Community Choice Aggregation wherein both public solar production and storage would provide energy for residents and locally owned small businesses. The City Council asked myriad questions regarding the grants that comprise the \$1.5 million noted in the presentation, questions regarding the agreements, studies, potential costs, the involvement of state and federal entities, the role of private versus public partnerships, requested additional information about the proposed model, asked about the national laboratories referenced, if any similar communities have something similar, inquired about public involvement in the various meetings that have been held, and noted their own feelings about the project and its prospects.

Jarius Harvey inquired about the manufacturing of the solar panels and turbines.

7. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 7.1 City Council Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the regular Carbondale City Council meeting of August 27, 2024

Action (Consent): **7.2 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 06/30/2024 FY 2025 Warrant # WF 06/2024 in the amount of \$166,611.69**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 06/30/2024 totaling \$166,611.69 (*Exhibit A-09-10-2024*)

Action (Consent): **7.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 08/30/2024 for the FY 2025 Warrant 1493 in the Total Amount of \$2,002,751.27**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 08/30/2024 totaling \$2,002,751.27 (*Exhibit B-09-10-2024*)

Action: **7.4 Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Pleiades Strategy for Communication Services to Support the Energy Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy Proposal**

Resolution: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Pleiades Strategy for Communication Services to Support the Energy Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy Proposal

Pulled by J. Doherty

Action (Consent): **7.5 Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to the FY 2025 Water and Sewer Fund Budget in the Amount of \$6,700 for Replacement EcoTouch Units**

Resolution: Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to the FY 2025 Water and Sewer Fund Budget in the Amount of \$6,700 for Replacement EcoTouch Units (*Ordinance 2024-30; Exhibit C-09-10-2024*)

Action: **7.6 Approval of the Purchase of a Police Canine and Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer to Increase the Police Department's FY 2025 Budget in the Amount of \$19,390.00**

Resolution: Authorize the approval of the purchase of a canine as well as the expenses associated with selection and training of the canine to Vohne Liche Kennels, Incorporated of Denver, IN in the amount of \$19,390 from community donations and adopt an Ordinance authorizing a Budget Transfer to Increase the Police Department FY 2025 budget in the amount of \$19,390

Pulled by C. Killman

Action (Consent): **7.7 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 Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: **7.4 Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Pleiades Strategy for Communication Services to Support the Energy Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy Proposal**

Council asked if proposals had been sought for the agreement; asked about the scope of work; asked about the cap on the cost of the agreement and whether it was flat fee or based on hours worked; noted

concern about section 9.B., that the owners' representative is the Sustainability Coordinator rather than the City Manager; remarked that this should have been a General Business matter rather than consent; expressed concerns about the vague or unclear language in specific sections within the scope of work; noted a need for justification of the services being a sole source provider; expressed a preference to postpone action until certain answers can be reached; expressed a desire not to defer action; noted their thoughts about reevaluating the proposal; and asked about the impact of delaying and any time constraints; verified that this would be paid from grant funds and not city funds; asked about individual member's support for the motion; and requested a clearer outline on the scope of work and project agreement.

MOTION: Postpone action to on or before the second meeting in October

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman Adam Loos, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey

No: LaCaje Hill, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders

Action: **7.6 Approval of the Purchase of a Police Canine and Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer to Increase the Police Department's FY 2025 Budget in the Amount of \$19,390.00**

Connor Sullivan asked about the use of funds from the Police Department's budget.

Jarius Harvey noted concern about a clerical /classification error.

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Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: LaCaje Hill, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Clare Killman, Nancy Maxwell (*Ordinance 2024-31; Exhibit D-09-10-2024*)

8. General Business of the City Council

9. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 9.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date