

Local Liquor Control Commission and Regular City Council Meeting February 25, 2025 (Tuesday, February 25, 2025)

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Councilmembers present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:17 PM

5. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 Roll Call

Procedural: 5.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Members of the public addressing the City Council included Sandy Litecky, Chastity Mays, Judy Ashby, James Cooper, Jr., Donald Monty, Jessica Visage, and Connor Sullivan.

Procedural: 5.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Rye-Sanders noted that the economic blackout on February 28 is intended to target corporate retailers, not local businesses.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports

7. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 7.1 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2025

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of February 11, 2025

Action (Consent): 7.2 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 12/31/2024 FY 2025 Warrant # WF 12/2024 in the amount of \$131,635.33

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 12/31/2024 totaling \$131,635.33 (*Exhibit A-02-25-2025*)

Action (Consent): 7.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 02/14/2025 for the FY 2025 Warrant 1505 in the Total Amount of \$1,605,065.65

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 02/14/2025 totaling \$1,605,065.65 (*Exhibit B-02-25-2025*)

Action (Consent): 7.4 Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Resolution: Accept the approved 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 Contract for the Purchase of a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Phone System to Mayer Networks in the amount of \$4,428.90 Monthly (Plus Taxes and Fees)

Resolution: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year contract in the amount of \$4,428.90 per month, plus taxes and fees, to Mayer Networks for a VOIP system (*Resolution 2025-R-09; Exhibit C-02-25-2025*)

Action: 7.6 **Ordinance Increasing the FY 2025 Budget for the Police Department for Youth Camp Donations**

Pulled by C. Killman

Action (Consent): 7.7 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Mayer Networks to Convert to Microsoft 365 for All Municipal Users**

Resolution: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Mayer Networks to convert to Microsoft 365 for all municipal users (*Resolution 2025-R-10; Exhibit E-02-25-2025*)

Action (Consent): 7.8 **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 Jeff Doherty, second by Ginger Rye Sanders.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7.6 **Ordinance Increasing the FY 2025 Budget for the Police Department for Youth Camp Donations**

MOTION: Approve an ordinance increasing the Police Department FY 2025 budget by \$17,530

Motion by LaCaje Hill, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Clare Killman (*Ordinance 2025-05; Exhibit D-02-25-2025*)

8. General Business of the City Council

Action, Discussion: 8.1 **City Council Discussion and Recommendation of Community Agency Funding Requests for the FY 2026 Budget**

Note from Clerk: Discussion for this item exceeded 2 ½ hours. What follows is a very brief summary of the discussion and preliminary decisions with regard to funding. The video of the full discussion is available on the City's website; please contact the City Clerk's Office for assistance in locating this item.

A recess was observed from 7:47 p.m. until 7:55 p.m.

Council members noted which applications from which they would abstain from discussion or approval, as well as discussed when and if such abstentions were required, recommended, or unnecessary. Council requested information from the City Attorney about scenarios regarding community agency funding requests and belonging to, serving on, or receiving payment from those agencies and at what point they should abstain from funding discussions. Additionally, they remarked upon and noted frustration with the funding process, itemized specific applications that should or should not be supported, expressed disapproval for and concern about funding requests serving communities beyond the city limits. After each funding request was individually reviewed and a consensus for a funding amount achieved, those applicants seeking to appeal to the Council for reconsideration were provided an opportunity to do so. Following these appeals, those requests were then reconsidered by the Council.

Individuals speaking on behalf of a community organization included Jameca Routen, Tisdale Woods

Foundation; Kelsey Maffett, Y'all Rock; Brian Matzenbacher, Larry Chico Jackson Foundation; Abdul Haqq; Attucks Community Service - Summer Food and Attucks Community Services – Afterschool; Ellen Esling, Food Works Winter Farmers Market; Leah Maciell, Southern Illinois Collaborative Kitchen; Dan Joutras, Carbondale Food Autonomy; Jessica Visage, Carbondale New School; Leah Driscoll, Presbyterian Pre-School; Alexander Soccoro, Rainbow Café, and Van Ikner, Carbondale United.

Christine Strusz asked for guidelines as to how the funding process works.

Donald Monty shared some of observations with the community funding process since 1975, noting each year more organizations apply and request funding increases. He noted the prevalence of organizations that overlap services.

Yolanda Dean asked if the Council could have a special meeting to explain what the council can and cannot do.

Following the initial and subsequent reconsideration, the consensus for funding for the applicants was as follows:

A Gift of Love Charity	\$2,500.00
Attucks Community Service Board Afterschool Program	\$20,450.00
Attucks Community Service Board Summer Program	\$24,289.00
Bethel AME “Feed My Sheep”	\$0
Carbondale Community Arts, Inc.	\$45,400.00
Carbondale Food Autonomy	\$15,000.00
Carbondale Junior Sports	\$4,980.00
Carbondale New School	\$0
Carbondale United	\$25,000.00
Eurma C. Hayes Center	\$30,000.00
Food Works	\$4,000.00
Good Samaritan Ministries	\$25,000.00
Green Earth	\$10,000.00
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church	\$10,000.00
I Can Read of So Illinois	\$28,000.00
Larry Chico Jackson Foundation	\$500.00
Marine Corps Toys for Tots	\$1,000.00
Presbyterian Preschool	\$0
Rainbow Community Health & Wellness	\$20,000.00
Rainbow Café LGBTQ Center	\$0
RBF Dome NFP	\$0
Senior Adult Services	\$30,000.00
Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless	\$7,028.00
Southern Illinois Collaborative Kitchen	\$10,600.00
Southern Illinois Irish Festival	\$10,000.00
Southern Illinois Music Festival	\$3,500.00
Survivor Empowerment Center	\$11,000.00
Tisdale-Woods Foundation	\$19,000.00
The Greater Life Outreach Ministry Church	\$0
Titans Foundation and Skills Academy	\$15,000.00
Victory Dream Center	\$10,224.00
WDBX	\$0
Women For Change	\$21,960.00

Y'all Rock	\$5,000.00
Carbondale Main Street	\$60,000.00
Mass Transit	\$9,999.00
Marine Corps Toys for Tots	\$2,100.00
Mass Transit SIU Break Route	\$14,045.00
Sunset Concerts	\$10,000.00
Total	\$505,575.00

Action: 8.2 A Resolution Approving and a Resolution Denying a Special Use Permit to East Walnut Street Community Energy Initiative LLC to Construct and Operate a 3.6 Megawatt (MW) Solar Farm on Parcel 15-13-300-026 off East Walnut Street, Which is Zoned LI - Light Industrial

Councilmembers shared their support for or opposition to the issuance of the permit, asked if the drainage concern raised by the property owner adjacent to the property had been resolved, and noted that this property had been purchased by Carbondale Business Development Corporation for the development of light industrial businesses and that the use was not consistent with the intent.

Donald Monty asked that the applicant respond questions relating to the feasibility of the project, particularly if it is depending on federal tax credits or other financing.

MOTION: Adopt a Resolution Approving a Special Use Permit for East Walnut Street Community Energy Initiative LLC to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a 3.6 Megawatt (MW) Solar Farm Within the LI - Light Industrial Zoning District on East Walnut Street With Two Conditions

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, LaCaje Hill

Nay: Nancy Maxwell, Jeff Doherty, Carolin Harvey (*Resolution 2025-R-11; Exhibit F-02-25-2025*)

Action: 8.3 Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code Permitting Vacation Rental Units in PA, Professional Administrative Office, and PAR, Professional Administrative Office Residential, Districts

Council noted that this amendment applies to few parts of the City and that they do not agree with staff's assessment about the beneficial nature of VRUs.

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code Permitting Vacation Rental Units in PA, Professional Administrative Office, and PAR, Professional Administrative Office Residential, Districts

Motion by Clare Killman, second by Nancy Maxwell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Carolin Harvey (*Ordinance 2025-06; Exhibit G-02-25-2025*)

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 9:34 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date