

City Council Meeting February 10, 2026

1. Roll Call

Councilmembers present

Councilmember Dawn Roberts, Councilmember Brian Stanfield, Councilmember Nathan Colombo, Councilmember Nancy Maxwell, and Mayor Pro Tem Adam Loos

Councilmembers absent

Councilmember Clare Killman, Mayor Carolin Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:11 PM.

2. Public Comments

Members of the public addressing the City Council included James Cooper, Jr.

3. Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations

Councilmember Roberts commented on the City's response to snow removal during the recent winter storm and suggested a public forum to discuss the matter, review policies, and set expectations.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

5. Consent Agenda

Councilmembers remarked on item 5.6, suggesting that when future plans are considered, spending should be more in keeping with what can be afforded as opposed to what may be desired.

MOTION: Approve all Consent Agenda items as presented except Item 5.4

Motion by Dawn Roberts, second by Brian Stanfield

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of January 27, 2026
2. Approval of Warrant 1530 for Period Ending 01/29/2026 in the amount of \$1,747,722.61
3. Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 12/31/2025 FY 2026 Warrant #WF 12/2025 in the Amount of \$179,947.65
4. An Ordinance Amending Title One, Chapter 2B, Section 11 of the Carbondale Revised Code as it Relates to Naming Streets, Naming City Facilities and Establishment of Plaques and Memorials

Council inquired as to whether these guidelines would extend to names other than for a person;

asked about the section for honorary street names, whether it was for a full or partial street and how many signatures were required; and expressed their appreciation for Staff's work on this item.

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Motion by Dawn Roberts, second by Nancy Maxwell

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

5. Reappointments to Boards and Commissions
6. Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Local Improvement and TIF District #1 and #2 Divisions for Costs Related to the Washington Street Permanent Stage (CIP NO. PB2001)
7. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Design Works for Architectural Design For Phase 2 of the Washington Street Event Plaza
8. Approval of Purchase of Various Water Treatment Chemicals for FY 2027

6. General Business

1. An Ordinance Annexing Property at 103 Arnold Lane into the City of Carbondale

MOTION: Approve

Motion by Nathan Colombo, second by Dawn Roberts

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

2. Discussion Regarding Downtown Entertainment and Event Venue Name and Resolution Naming the Downtown Entertainment and Events Plaza

Members of the public who addressed the City Council about the Ordinance included the children of Robbie Stokes, who advocated for naming the facility in memory of their father; Keaton Sowinski, suggesting considering a name that can facilitate change; and Don Monty, who remarked that New Era Event Center has both a historical tie to the location and is also forward-looking.

Councilmembers shared their individual preferences for naming of the event venue and stage, commented on possible drawbacks to naming a facility after a person, noted opposition to allowing naming rights in exchange for corporate sponsorship, advocated for meaningful public engagement as it relates to observing results of prior opinion polls, expressed the need to ensure diversity being included in naming of either the venue or the stage, and discussed whether it would be appropriate to vote on the name at this meeting or at the next meeting when the full Council could be present. Multiple Council members were in favor of naming the event space "New Era Event Plaza" and naming the stage "Robbie Stokes Memorial Stage."

MOTION: Postpone action to next meeting

Motion by Dawn Roberts, second by Nancy Maxwell

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

3. Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code to Allow Gravel and Driveway Pavers as a Minimum Surfacing Standard in all R-1, Low Density Residential, and all RR, Rural Residential, Districts.

Council noted the map does not clearly show the affected roads, expressed concern about the impact of gravel spillover on bicyclists, and remarked that concrete driveways may be prohibitively expensive for new builds.

Don Monty noted that in reviewing his copy of the 1970 code, gravel driveways were permitted in R-1. He expressed concern that the language does not specify that "pavers" referenced in the Ordinance should be those intended for a parking lot and suggested that it would be helpful to include wording that gravel shall be compacted.

Sandy Litecky explained that the Planning Commission did recommend "driveway-quality pavers" and asked for clarification about the permitting requirement, to which the Community Development Director responded.

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Motion by Dawn Roberts, second by Nathan Colombo

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

7. Executive Session

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date