

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, April 18, 2022, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson were present. Alderman Skultety was absent.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, City Treasurer Miles, Water Superintendent Brune, HBO Goodall, Ryan Peters with SolAmerica Energy, Joe Curvey, Bernard Curvey, and Jane Curvey. Plan Commission Members were Chairman Pat Kretzer, Scott McClure, Kevin Hamell, Dyanne Skinner, Tony Verardi, and Matt Yard.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the application from GSI Group, LLC for Special Use for the development and operation of an approximately 1.125 megawatt (MW-ac) solar energy generation facility to be located at IL Route 48, Taylorville. He then invited the Plan Commission to open their meeting and discussion; Chairman Kretzer began the Plan Commission Meeting, stating that this was a continuation of the previous meeting on this project.

Ryan Peters with SolAmerica Energy had presented information to those assembled regarding the updated plans for the solar energy facility to be located at GSI Group in Taylorville. The parcels have been divided to accommodate the City's requirements. The 1.125 MW facility will be located on a parcel solely dedicated to use for the facility. There will be 2000-2300 modules/panels depending on the final size of the panels. The power generated will be solely for the use of GSI, and will be under Ameren.

City Attorney Romano discussed the need for a three-year decommissioning plan and surety bond, which will need to be addressed every three years. There will be a \$10,000.00 building permit fee to be paid prior to start of the project. City Attorney Romano confirmed with Chris Groth, Airport Engineer with CMT, that a glare study was not mandatory per federal requirements, but he recommended one be done to provide legal protection for the City in the event of a crash due to glare. Sol America has completed a glare study with positive results.

Plan Commission Member Skinner questioned power line placement in the responses of SolAmerica to the City Code. Mr. Peters stated that all lines would be underground per Code unless the power/utility company requires a pole to be placed above ground.

The Plan Commission made a unanimous motion to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance granting GSI Group, LLC(owners of the real estate identified in the Public Hearing Notice) and SolAmerica Energy, LLC(developers/operators) a Special Use Permit to locate a solar energy facility on said real estate conditioned upon the City Council's approval of the following items, i.e.: building permit; solar restoration requirements with sufficient surety bond; qualified engineer cost estimated of decommissioning; drainage tile restoration map and requirements; weed control plan; recording of survey plat of said real estate; and detailed construction plans prepared, signed, and sealed by a structural engineer; 20 copies of scaled drawing; and underground wires; the additional requirements noted by the Plan Commission and City Council on April 18, 2022; and such other conditions, requirements, items, or matters as the City Attorney may deem appropriate.

This Ordinance will be prepared by the City Attorney and brought before the May 2, 2022 City Council for approval.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (7-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:15 P.M.