City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Jeff Schrag, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers	**General Councilmembers**
Monica Horton, Zone 1	Heather Hardinger, General A
Abe McGull, Zone 2	Craig Hosmer, General B
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3	Callie Carroll, General C
Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Zone 4	Derek Lee, General D

January 12, 2026	**6:30 PM**	**Regional Police-Fire Training Center 2620 West Battlefield Road Room 101, 102, and 103**

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. December 15, 2025, City Council Meeting, December 16, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and December 31, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025, City Council meeting, December 16, 2025, Special City Council meeting, and December 31, 2025, Special City Council meeting as presented. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK TO OR REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDAS MUST DO SO AT THIS TIME.

The Consent Agenda was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

David Cameron, City Manager, thanked citizens for coming out for the listening sessions. He noted several listening sessions were completed, sharing survey results on the tourism tax proposal. He further noted he would present highlights from the sessions later in the meeting. Mr. Cameron thanked staff for coordinating the sessions.

Mr. Cameron noted Police Chief Paul Williams provided a year-end statistical report for the department’s gun violence data. He further noted there was an uptick in those injured in 2024 (33 vs 44). The City officially returned to 2016 levels for shots fired calls (186 vs 187). He added 2025 crime reports were still being compiled, and homicides were down to 10, from 14 in 2024 and 19 in 2023. Copies of the 2026-2028 Springfield Police Department Goals and Objectives were at City Council's places.

Mr. Cameron noted on December 23, the City of Springfield was awarded a $13.84 million United States Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads grant to improve safety on high injury segments of South Campbell Avenue. He further noted with the City's 20 percent match, more than $17 million in improvements would be implemented to widen Campbell Avenue to six lanes and add median sidewalk stormwater upgrades, traffic-calming measures, and safer intersections.

Mr. Cameron noted the elevators at Jenny Lind apartments remained non-operational. He further noted it was because the elevator contractor would not release them for public use until the full modernization balance of $169,000 was paid. He added Millennia had paid approximately $260,000, and submitted a partial payment in good faith to resolve Mr. Cameron noted Millennia was pursuing a short-term loan and it was expected they would repay the loan once United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) related property sales closed, which was targeted for the end of January, 2026. He further noted that update came from HUD.

Mr. Cameron noted Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reopened the Sunshine Street bridge in Springfield to traffic last Thursday morning. He further noted the stretch of Sunshine Street from Scenic Avenue to Kansas Expressway was one of the most common routes between Republic and Springfield. He added the replacement of the 60-year-old bridge and improved pedestrian facilities began in August.

Mr. Cameron noted the final span of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge was lifted into place last Wednesday morning. He further noted next steps included installing the bridge deck, constructing stairs and elevators on the north and south sides of the structure, and updating the electrical and lighting systems. He added the City was targeting a spring reopening of the bridge. He thanked Nick Edelman, Tom Dancey, and all the team for their work on the project.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Cameron for conducting the listening sessions. He also thanked City Councilmembers for beginning to schedule town halls to interact with citizens. Councilmember Jenson asked if staff evaluated whether there was an opportunity for the City to cover the cost of the Jenny Lind elevators and place a lien on the property. Mr. Cameron responded he would defer to legal for the answer. Jordan Paul, City Attorney, responded he would send the information to City Council. Councilmember Jenson noted the Community Partnership of the Ozarks was looking for volunteers for their Income Tax Assistance Program.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-253 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.81 acres of property generally located at 1313, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1327, 1331, and 1333 North Lyon Avenue and 505, 513, and 515 West Calhoun Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District and PD, Planned Development No. 265 to CC, Center City District with Conditional Overlay District No. 275; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 275; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Central Assembly of God Church; 1313, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1327, 1331 & 1333 N. Lyon Avenue and 505, 513 & 515 W. Calhoun Street; Z-23-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 275).

Ordinance 6967. Council Bill 2025-253 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-254 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.73 acres of property generally located at 517 East Calhoun Street and 1312 North Benton Avenue from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District and Mid-town Urban Conservation District No. 3 to O-1, Office District with Conditional Overlay District No. 278 and Mid-town Urban Conservation District No. 3; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 278; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Drury University; 1312 North Benton & 517 East Calhoun Street; Z-25-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 278).

Ordinance 6968. Council Bill 2025-254 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2025-255 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 14.46 acres of property generally located at 3907 South York Avenue and 4000 South Jonathan Avenue from County Plot Assignment District No. 2125 and County Plot Assignment District No. 1284 to R-TH – Residential Townhouse District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Wire Rd Development, LLC & Boehm Family Trust; 4000 South Jonathan Avenue & 3907 South York Avenue; Z-19-2025).

Ordinance 6969. Council Bill 2025-255 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2025-256 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 5.4 acres of property generally located at 4001 West Chestnut Expressway from GM, General Manufacturing District and HC, Highway Commercial District to R-LD, Low-Density Multifamily Residential District with Conditional Overlay District No. 277; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 277; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Chestnut Self Storage LLC; 4001 West Chestnut Expressway; Z-24-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 277).

Ordinance 6970. Council Bill 2025-256 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2025-257 (Jenson)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 484 for the purpose of permitting an automobile service garage within a GR, General Retail District, generally located at 4545 South Lyon Avenue. (By: TKG-RKS Joint Venture, LLC; 4545 S. Lyon Avenue; Conditional Use Permit No. 484).

Ordinance 28234. Council Bill 2025-257 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2025-258 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending General Ordinance 6917, “Exhibit B,” the adopted text for Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the “Land Development Code.”

Ordinance 6971. Council Bill 2025-258 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2025-259 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Springfield City Code, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Sections 54-31 and 54-32, by adopting the 2024 Edition of the International Fire Code ("IFC") including deletions, modifications, amendments and additions to the IFC model code; repealing General Ordinance 6463; and establishing an effective date.

Ordinance 6972. Council Bill 2025-259 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.8. Council Bill 2025-260 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending Springfield City Code Chapter 98, “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places,” by deleting Article III, “Sidewalks and Driveways,” and enacting a new Article III, “Access Management Standards for Public Rights-of-Way,” in lieu thereof, to establish a consolidated and performance-based framework for managing driveways, access points, and intersections.

Councilmember Lee moved to amend Council Bill 2025-260 (Hardinger) by modifying Exhibit 1, Section 98-121, appeals to allow a property owner to appeal to the Planning and Zoning Commission in all cases and broaden the appeal criteria to provide the Planning and Zoning Commission with a meaningful opportunity for review as set forth in the written memo provided to City Council.

Councilmember Hosmer seconded the motion, and discussion continued.

Councilmember Lee noted small businesses had communicated they wanted an appeal process. He noted the appeal process in the proposed was less than what was currently allowed. Councilmember Lee further noted one of the main criteria for driveways was relative to the road it was on. He noted the amendment would give small businesses access to the Planning and Zoning Commission to be heard and have more access. He added the amendment would not change anything with the actual criteria but would allow keeping the variance process similar to what occurred with administrative subdivision by allowing them to go to the Commission.

Councilmember Horton asked if the proposed as presented by staff was tied to Vision Zero. Chad Zickefoose, Traffic Engineer, responded while it did not directly reference Vision Zero, driveway location and spacing would affect crash risk, which was in direct alignment with Vision Zero, especially along heavier-traveled arterials and expressways near busy intersections, and ensured the most critical and highest risk, highest impact access decisions remained at the engineering based review rather than with a discretionary body.

Councilmember Horton noted Forward SGF was designed and open to interpretation and expressed her belief the proposed was designed to address a specific portion of Forward SGF. Councilmember Horton asked if the staff proposal was intended to support staff's ability to implement any recommendations from Forward SGF and if so, what were the specific recommendations. Mr. Zickefoose responded Forward SGF was not specifically mentioned in the Chapter 98 amendment but was in direct support of Forward SGF. He noted the specific goals were protecting the function and safety of major corridors and encouraging shared access and cross-access easements. He added the new Land Development Code, Chapter 36, was adopted by City Council and had an emphasis on cross-access easements between businesses and property owners. Mr. Zickefoose noted the language matched the goals of reducing piecemeal access decisions that degraded corridor performance and economic vitality.

Councilmember Horton asked if the proposal as presented by staff, without proposed amendments, was seeking to support staff's ability to improve and implement modern best practices and access management, multimodal transportation safety, or micromobility access and safety. Mr. Zickefoose responded the language of the proposed Council Bill had been vetted over the past year and reviewed by professional organizations such as Institute of Transportation Engineers and Missouri Society Professional Engineers. He noted neighborhood associations the proposed language would modernize access management practices and had an emphasis on multimodal safety. He added it ensured decisions for access were not placed solely on vehicular safety, but also on pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit.

Councilmember Horton asked how the proposed amendment would impact staff's intent and ability to adequately implement recommendations from Forward SGF or any other modern best practices crafted into the staff's Chapter 98 proposal. Mr. Zickefoose responded the appeals process in the new code would allow access appeals to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission on lower classification roadways. He added it would put limitations on appeals for high-volume, high-impact roadways like arterials, expressways, and high-volume intersections. Mr. Zickefoose noted they felt those decisions should be based on engineering reviews. He expressed his belief this aligned with Forward SGF and the best practices of access management.

Councilmember Jenson further noted the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Proven Safety Countermeasures issued a publication called the Corridor Access Management Recommendations List. He added the first two public safety measures it identified were reducing density at access points and managing the spacing of intersections and access points. He expressed his belief federal guidance appeared to align with the Code as staff had presented it. He further expressed his belief the City needed to become a safer, more walkable community. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief a vote in favor of the proposed amendment was to prioritize the concerns of business over the safety risks of the community.

Councilmember Lee noted there were situations that were unique. He further noted the proposed amendment would simply give the opportunity to be heard by a board instead of just the engineers.

Councilmember Hosmer noted he seconded the motion because he believed that Councilmember Lee had the right to have this issue debated. He expressed his belief public safety should not be jeopardized for a unique situation, even if it was a business situation. He further expressed his belief public safety was the most important thing the City could do. He expressed his opposition to the proposed amendment.

The motion to amend Council Bill 2025-260 failed by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Ordinance 6973. Council Bill 2025-260 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Nays: Councilmember Lee and Mayor Schrag. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.9. Council Bill 2025-261 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County, City Utilities, and Ozarks Transportation Organization to fund a US-60/US-65 Access and Operational Study to analyze alternatives within the defined study area to improve safety, traffic operations, travel time, reliability, and economic development; and amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of $300,000 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban funds.

Ordinance 28235. Council Bill 2025-261 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.10. Council Bill 2025-262 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the Public Works Department for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by appropriating $3,100,000 of Level Property Tax reserves to fund additional improvements and remaining construction costs for the Historic City Hall Rehabilitation project.

Ordinance 28236. Council Bill 2025-262 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.11. Council Bill 2025-263 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the Planning Department and the Parks Department for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by appropriating $1,000,000 of Spring Forward SGF 1/2-cent sales tax revenue, $500,000 to each department, as recommended by the Citizens' Advisory Board, to support the development of neighborhood plans and individual park master plans.

Councilmember Jenson noted he was contacted after the previous City Council meeting by some neighborhood residents who wanted to understand how the proposed would be rolled out, and whether work would be conducted internally with existing staff or contracted out. Steve Childers, Director of Planning and Development, responded the plan was to contract the work out and use staff to work closely in a project management role with the consultant. Councilmember Jenson noted there would be limits on capacity and asked how the neighborhoods would be prioritized. Mr. Childers responded neighborhoods with the highest needs would be prioritized. He further noted using a consultant would allow all plans to be completed in 24 months. He added having the Neighborhood Works Plus Plan occurring at the same time would allow staff to get input from the citizens and coordinate the projects.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Childers and the neighborhoods team for their work.

Ordinance 28237. Council Bill 2025-263 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.12. Council Bill 2025-266 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of The Dell Phase 2, generally located at 3907 South York Avenue and 4000 South Jonathan Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: Wire Rd Development, LLC & Boehm Family Trust; 4000 South Jonathan Avenue & 3907 South York Avenue; Preliminary Plat of The Dell Subdivision Phase 2).

Ordinance 28238. Council Bill 2025-266 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2026-001 (Horton)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for up to $4,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant to provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites where redevelopment is complicated by contamination.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow for application to receive up to $4 million in grant funds for cleanup activities at Brownfield sites. She further noted the grant funds, if awarded, would be allocated to eligible sites within Renew Jordan Creek, phase two, to address hazardous substances such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, pollutants, petroleum, and any other contaminants such as asbestos or lead-based paint that are found at these locations. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the applications for this program were due on January 28th, and there was no local match required. She noted this would be a four-year period if selected. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted a public meeting was being held on Wednesday, January 21, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., on the first floor of the Bush Municipal Building at 840 Boonville. She added a virtual option would be available and the application would remain on the website until the application was submitted on January 28. Members of the public were encouraged to provide any comments to City staff via email or in the public meetings.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Resolution 10852. Council Bill 2026-001 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

8.1. Council Bill 2026-012 (Schrag)

A special ordinance calling an election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to submit to the qualified voters the question of whether an additional three percent (3%) license tax shall be imposed on the business of renting, leasing, or letting living quarters, sleeping accommodations, rooms, or a part thereof, in connection with any hotel, motel, tourist court, or short-term rental, derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations, for the purpose of attracting travel and tourism, including the construction, operation, and maintenance of a regional convention and events center, with the additional three percent (3%) license tax to automatically expire after a period of thirty-five (35) years; and declaring an emergency.

David Cameron, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Cameron noted there were over 20 listening sessions held, with a session held with hotels to understand their perspective, noting there was no tremendous support for the project. He further noted they also met with neighborhoods. Mr. Cameron added there were questions regarding how the project would be financed. He added there were 1,233 respondents and the majority were strongly opposed to bringing the issue back. Mr. Cameron noted the analysis showed 45 to 55 percent were open to a revised proposal, with 27 to 30 percent firmly opposed. He added the overall feedback specified concerns with not knowing the event center location, parking, and transportation, and 44 percent noted a sunset on the tax would have made a difference. Mr. Cameron noted feedback showed participants did not want to burden the General Fund or take away from public safety and other projects in the City, or double-dip the 1/2-cent sales tax.

Mr. Cameron noted feedback included discussion of sports tourism, the City's ability to pay for the project, long-term funding strategy, financial benefits, and how this would affect the City's ability to address other priorities. He further noted calculations used a conservative approach at 2 percent and the Finance Department pulled a 20-year Hotel/Motel Tax history which showed an average growth of 5 percent per year. He added the proforma used for paying debt service of $145 million considered a 4 percent growth with a hard cost cap at $175 million. He added with $30 million from the Citizens' Advisory Board and if additional funds were received from the State, the project would be pushed to $205 million, with everything included. Mr. Cameron noted it was reasonably expected no General Fund dollars would be needed.

Mr. Cameron noted the sessions were designed for listening and addressing concerns. He noted concerns were stormwater, noise, crime, homelessness, animal control, and cleanliness. He further noted the bottom line was individuals wanted the City to be cleaner and safer. He expressed his belief the issue was not an either/or proposition, but a yes/and. Mr. Cameron noted the recommendation from his office was to provide a revised ballot with a 35-year sunset, and to pose the question to voters in April 2026. He further noted the urgency to consider the issue was in regard to the $30 million State allocation. Mr. Cameron noted staff would provide an education plan involving the neighborhoods and downtown. He added the plan would be presented at the January 26 meeting and focus on addressing misinformation. He added a conceptual architectural drawing would be presented by March 6.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the City would be able to cover the debt service if the hotel/motel tax were raised 3 percent. Mr. Cameron noted the additional 3 percent tax would generate approximately $4.5 million. Mr. Holtmann noted the debt service currently varied, being lighter on the front end and with less access to the existing tax. He added it would be approximately $8 million to begin with and $13 million in year 30.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked for clarification that the $205 million mentioned was a hard cap cost of $175 million currently in place with the additional $30 million coming from State funds. Mr. Cameron responded affirmatively.

Mr. Paul noted the item would be added to the April 7 ballot. He further noted it would be the question of whether to increase the hotel/motel tax by 3 percent for the purposes described, including but not limited to the convention and event center. He noted the main difference compared to the November bill was the addition of a sunset clause, which would expire after 35 years.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Mark Hecquet spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief the proposed was not only about tourism, but the greater economy of the City. He added tourism generated over $1.1 billion annually in economic spending in the City. He further expressed his belief the proposed was about creating demand for the City. He noted a strong visitor economy helped pay for City priorities and reduced pressure on local taxpayers. Mr. Hecquet further noted visitors spend money in the community when they visit, and added the City never had a fully-functioning convention and event center.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how the City's hotel/motel tax compared to other metropolitan areas it competed with. Mr. Hecquet responded with the increase, it would still be a few percentage points lower. Councilmember Hosmer asked if there would be an opportunity for sports events if passed. Mr. Hecquet responded the Sports Commission released an update to their study that identified one major thing the City lacked in was a large indoor complex. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his support for broad-based economic development that would raise everyone's prospects. He added other issues such as homelessness needed to be addressed at the same time.

Councilmember Carroll asked what the daily spending the City would be missing out on without this type of tourism. Mr. Hecquet responded approximately $125,000 per day.

Councilmember Jenson asked how the projections in the Hunden Report were developed. Mr. Hecquet noted the consultant had visited several times and had a great depth of knowledge and expertise. He further noted they specialized in these types of projects, and there was no local influence. Councilmember Jenson noted the current Expo Center had 36 event days and the estimated days for an event center was 158. Mr. Hecquet responded the current Expo Center mainly hosted local shows and an event center would open the City up to business from meetings, sporting events, and conventions. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief the demand was there, and the community had the ability to attract people. He expressed his belief the City had prepared a recommendation that was conservative and realistic.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger expressed her support for the project and expressed her belief it had the potential to be a catalystic project. She further expressed her belief the benefit would impact more than just the downtown corridor. She asked how a project like this could elevate the City on a broader scale. Mr. Hecquet responded the creation of this dialogue of public investment would change the dialogue of people's perception of the City. He expressed his view this project would be a massive opportunity.

Councilmember McGull expressed his belief this was a step in the right direction, and it would allow the City to compete on a reasonable basis. He asked for an example of the type of conventions that could be attracted. Mr. Hecquet responded the scale would open the door to anything.

Tracy Kimberlin spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Kimberlin noted this was not a new concept and the Expo Center was not a convention center as it did not have kitchen facilities. He further noted a convention center would also help the local community and serve them. He added local agencies could also utilize a convention center.

Sally Hargis spoke in support of the proposed. She thanked Mr. Cameron for his interest in economic growth.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Ordinance 28239. Council Bill 2026-012 (Schrag) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2026-002 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept Child Care Health Consultation grant funds from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement CPR/First Aid certifications and/or renewals, to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the projected amount of $81,000 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Rinda Davis, Springfield-Greene County Assistant Director of Health, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Davis noted the proposed would bring the opportunity for the Health Department to receive childcare health consultation grant funds that were allocated from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement a CPR First Aid certification and renewal process. The Health Department had operated a childcare health consultation program, working with providers in the community to enhance health, mental health, safety, and wellness for children in the community that are in those facilities. Ms. Davis further noted the program would further promote education and training and was a great opportunity for those providers to receive certification and renewal. She added there were currently 122 licensed and in-home providers in Greene County, and the reimbursement would provide $75 per childcare provider who completed the CPR certification renewal.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Ordinance 28240. Council Bill 2026-002 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

10.2. Council Bill 2026-003 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the quality of place and aesthetic improvements at and near the interchange of Interstate 44 and Missouri Highway 13/Kansas Expressway; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of $407,967.88 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban ("STBG-U") funds for this project; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Scott Bachman, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Bachman noted the proposed would widen I-44 to six lanes from Kansas Expressway to US 65. He further noted the Missouri Department of Transportation was working toward a large design-build project to improve segments of I-44 from the Joplin area to the Conway area. Mr. Bachman further noted one of these improvements included the reconstruction of the interchange at I-44 and Kansas Expressway. He added the final design would be determined through the design-build process. Mr. Bachman noted they were proposing to add aesthetic elements to the interchange, which may include tinted stone look form liners to the bridge abutments and other retaining walls, inset panels containing the City of Springfield flag on vertical walls facing traffic, and black powder coating on signal and lighting poles, as well as on bridge rails. Mr. Bachman noted the total estimated cost of the aesthetic improvements was just under $510,000, with 80 percent being covered by federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, and 20 percent by 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax funding.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Ordinance 28241. Council Bill 2026-003 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

10.3. Council Bill 2026-004 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant ("STBG") Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the resurfacing of various arterial and collector streets on the federal-aid system in the City; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of $2,400,000 to appropriate federal STBG funds for this project; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Scott Bachman, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Bachman noted the proposed would authorize the use of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding to resurface various arterial and collector routes throughout the city. He further noted the total estimated cost of this was $3 million, with 80 percent to be funded through STBG and 20 percent through a combination of 1/8-cent and 1/4-cent sales taxes.

Council member Jensen noted Scenic Avenue was planned for significant resurfacing work and asked how this would interlay with the work the City was currently doing on the Scenic Avenue Bridge in the area. Mr. Bachman responded they would coordinate to avoid any conflicts with existing construction schedules for the bridge work. He added there were also some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects that were stormwater and pedestrian improvements, and they would coordinate to avoid conflict with those.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Ordinance 28242. Council Bill 2026-004 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

10.4. Council Bill 2026-005 (Jenson, Adib-Yazdi)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant ("STBG") Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the right-of-way acquisition costs associated with future street, pedestrian, and stormwater improvements on Campbell Avenue from Westview/Primrose Streets to Republic Road; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of $360,000 to appropriate federal STBG funds for this project; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Scott Bachman, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Bachman noted the proposed would authorize the use of Surface Transportation Block Grant funding to acquire right-of-way for future improvements along South Campbell Avenue in the southbound direction where stormwater and pedestrian improvements were anticipated. He further noted the right-of-way acquisition would be estimated to cost $450,000 in total, 80 percent of which would be funded through STBG, and 20 percent through the 1/4-cent Capital Improvement sales tax.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Ordinance 28243. Council Bill 2026-005 (Jenson, Adib-Yazdi) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2026-006 (McGull)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of $900,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Enterprise Fund for the construction of the Oscar Blom Streambank Stabilization Project.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Petering noted the next three Council Bills were similar. He further noted each were capital improvement projects (CIP), and part of the current CIP. He added they were also investments that the City would receive credit for with overflow control plan execution.

Mr. Petering noted each of these projects had advanced to the point that the design was complete, and they were ready to bid and construct. He further noted the requests would appropriate funds out of Clean Water Enterprise Fund reserves for the purpose of each of these projects.

Mr. Petering noted the proposed project was the Oscar Bloom Stream Bank stabilization project. He further noted the purpose was to prevent erosion of the stream that ran through the Betty Allison junior golf course. He added the stream crossing was on the first hole and the ninth hole. Mr. Petering noted there had been a lot of erosion recently which compromised water quality in the stream that became part of the South Dry Sac River and compromised the infrastructure of the golf course. Mr. Petering further noted the proposed was a green infrastructure project that could benefit two departments with its goals. He added the project would benefit from receiving grant funds. He noted they were successful in receiving a $23,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, from a program that helps support activities that managed and reduced non-point sources of pollution. He added these funds would be appropriated through a budget adjustment.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

14.2. Council Bill 2026-007 (Horton)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of $500,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Enterprise Fund for trunkline sewer replacement over a portion of the Ozarks Technical Community College Campus.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Petering noted the proposed would replace a failing section of a sewer. He further noted it was determined through inspection the section had deteriorated to the point that a complete replacement was necessary, and a decision was made to relocate the sewer to the perimeter of the campus so it would out of the way of any future potential expansion that might occur. He added the total budget adjustment request was $500,000.

Councilmember Adib Yazdi noted the project area line encompassed a trail section and asked if the use of the trail would be impacted. Mr. Petering responded he would not expect it to be. He noted he would verify.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

14.3. Council Bill 2026-008 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of $700,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Enterprise Fund for construction of the South Dry Sac Streambank Stabilization Project.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the purpose of this proposed was to stabilize erosion for the bank to protect the sewer and reduce an eroding area that contributed to water quality problems in the river as well. He further noted the total requested budget adjustment was $700,000.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

14.4. Council Bill 2026-009 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Marshals Service (“USMS”) for the Springfield Police Department (“SPD”) to participate in the Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed would allow the Police Department to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States Marshal Service for the Springfield Police Department to participate in the Regional Fugitive Task Force. He further noted this would reengage the Department with the Marshal Service. He added they stepped away approximately four or five years ago due to staffing issues. He added the Fugitive Task Force would seek out and find wanted subjects. Approximately 75 percent of those generated from the Springfield area came from the Springfield Police Department, and having the ability to seek and find fugitives from justice, wanted subjects, and violent criminals wherever they might be in the country would allow the Police Department to utilize Marshal Service resources to do so.

Councilmember McGull asked how provisions for reimbursement of time would be handled by the task force. Chief Williams responded they were committed to providing either an officer or officers who would be deputized as Deputy US Marshals. He noted this was compensated by the federal government through the Marshal Service and tracked per case. He further noted they would use existing personnel who were already assigned to a variety of different functions. Councilmember McGull asked if they were used on an as needed or continuing basis. Chief Williams responded it was not an as needed or case by case basis. He added they would be one member of the fourteen agencies involved throughout the Western District of Missouri.

Councilmember McGull asked if the officers would wear a body worn camera.

Chief Williams responded affirmatively and noted the officers would still follow current policies by wearing Police Department uniforms, equipment, and body-worn cameras. Councilmember McGull asked if any liability would fall on the individual agency or the federal government. Chief Williams responded it would fall to that agency just like any other situation. He added there would not be a negative impact on manpower; it would actually be a benefit to apprehending fugitives.

Councilmember Jenson asked how this would impact staffing given the department was short-staffed. Chief Williams responded new leadership in the agency made some allowances for staffing by allowing the department to participate without assigning a full-time officer. Councilmember Jenson asked what agencies would participate in the Regional Fugitive Task Force. Chief Williams responded Greene, Taney, Christian, Stone, Cass, and Buchanan Counties, Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Branson, and the Marshal Service and Homeland Security.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the agreement was with the United States Marshal's office, and not with the United States Immigration and Customes Enforcement (ICE) or anyone else. Chief Williams responded the agreement was with the United States Marshal's office and noted an active warrant would be required for the person who violated a certain number of crimes.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

14.5. Council Bill 2026-010 (Carroll)
A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VI, "Finances," Division 4, "Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System," by amending Section 2-480, "Assignment or garnishment of benefits."

Tony Kelley, Administrative Director of the Police and Fire Retirement System, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the Current City Code and State statute prevented reassignment of benefits for pensioners for any other purpose than paying their pension. He further noted the proposed would allow insurance deductions and union dues to come out through payroll deduction for the pensioners. He added this was important as union dues and certain insurances that were only available to members would come out, and it would allow pensioners to participate in those programs only available through the organization. Mr. Kelley noted the Board had endorsed the change and asked it be considered by City Council.

Councilmember Jensen asked what impact, if any, this might have on the financial standing. Mr. Kelly responded it would not have any impact as it would allow pensioners to use their funds from the monthly check to buy insurance through a payroll deduction. He added it was voluntary.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

14.6. Council Bill 2026-011 (Jenson, Adib-Yazdi, Horton, Hosmer)
A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services as provided in the Springfield City Code Section 2-425, by making such adjustments as provided in the attached “Evaluation of Charges for Municipal Services”; and adopting new fees for certain City Services.

Tammy Beeman, Budget Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Beeman noted she was presenting the Annual Evaluation of Charges and Municipal Services. She further noted one-third of fees were evaluated on an annual rotating basis and the fees reviewed were Building Development Services, Fire, Public Health, Public Works, Police, and Environmental Services fees. She added this was the sixth year of the change in methodology, and the remaining two-thirds of the fees were not evaluated but would be increased by Consumer Price Index (CPI). Ms. Beeman noted the CPI numbers used for FY25 was 2.7 percent and the increase would be applied to those fees and provided to staff to implement on July 1, 2026, per the policy. She further noted the recommendation was to recover 100 percent of the fees evaluated. There were fees with exceptions such as Hazelwood Cemetery fees, which were evaluated in a prior year, and some health fees, which were in this year’s evaluation. She added Enterprise Fees were unique and could recover the current cost and future capital needs.

Ms. Beeman noted there were 185 fees for services evaluated this year, with 35 new fees recommended being added to this evaluation, one recommended being consolidated, eight fees recommended being reduced, 22 recommended having no change, and 155 recommended being increased. She further noted the recommended fee adjustments would generate approximately $1.5 million in total revenue, with $358,536 for the general fund and $1.1 million in non-General Fund revenue. Ms. Beeman added the Director of Environmental Services had sent a letter to City Council explaining the change in tipping fees. Ms. Beeman added the Finance and Administration Committee reviewed the fee study on January 6, 2026, and recommended forwarding it to City Council. She noted the development fees were provided to 14 different stakeholder groups and specifically the Growth and Development Advisory Council. She further noted all fee changes were recommended to be effective July 1, 2026, with the exception of the site improvement fee and the minimum public plan review fee which were requested to be effective immediately upon passage.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15.1. Four Twenty Jim wishes to address City Council.

Four Twenty Jim addressed City Council. Mr. Jim expressed his concern with Municipal Court.

15.2. Abby Stowe wishes to address City Council.

Abby Stowe addressed City Council. Ms. Stowe noted the Springfield Land Development Code prohibited nonprofits from owning and operating hotels. She expressed her belief the restriction was a barrier to large scale action against homelessness, and the provision was unnecessary and discriminatory.

Councilmember Jenson asked for the Code section. Ms. Stowe responded City Ordinance number 4, Article 3, Division I, Section 36-310, subsection E of the Temporary Lodging Use Group of the Land Development group.

15.3. Gabriel Wehner wishes to address City Council.

Gabriel Wehner did not appear to address City Council.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

16.1. Recommendation from the Community Involvement Committee regarding Referral to the Community Involvement Committee, discussion and potential recommendation of creation and funding of a program to remove trash from City property by working jointly with non-profit organizations who provide jobs to the underprivileged.

The report was accepted.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

21. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS. See Item #3.

21.1. Council Bill 2025-264 (Hosmer)
A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept Wagner-Peyser Services grant funding from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development in the amount of $45,000, to be utilized toward Wagner-Peyser Service Activities; to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the purpose of the grant funds; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development in the amount of $45,000.

Ordinance 28244. Council Bill 2025-264 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21.2. Council Bill 2025-265 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Sky Light Surface Park, generally located at 1900 North Le Compte Road, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: Springfield Underground, Inc.; 1900 North Le Compte Road; Preliminary Plat of Sky Light Surface Park).

Ordinance 28245. Council Bill 2025-265 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21.3. Confirm the following appointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority: James Robinette with term to expire March 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.4. Confirm the following appointments to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Bridget Parrish and Gabe Smith with terms to expire May 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.5. Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Jeb Venable with term to expire May 1, 2027. Confirmed.

21.6. Confirm the following appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: David Jacquez, Jennifer McClure, and Christopher Souliere, with terms to expire January 1, 2030. Confirmed.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. CLOSED SESSION.

City Council will hold a closed meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo.; and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo.; and sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected; pursuant to Section 610.021(12), RSMo; and this meeting, record, and vote shall be closed, and the City Council shall stand adjourned at the end of the closed session.

Councilmember Hosmer moved City Council hold a closed meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo.; and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo.; and sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected; pursuant to Section 610.021(12), RSMo; and this meeting, record, and vote shall be closed, and the City Council shall stand adjourned at the end of the closed session.

Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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