



City of Springfield

Minutes - *revised*

City Council Meeting

Jeff Schrag, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers

Monica Horton, Zone 1
Abe McGull, Zone 2
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3
Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

Heather Hardinger, General A
Craig Hosmer, General B
Callie Carroll, General C
Derek Lee, General D

February 9, 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 Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: Councilmember McGull.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted the minutes of the February 2, 2026, City Council meeting and February 5, 2026, Special City Council meeting would be considered at the February 23, 2026, City Council meeting.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

David Cameron, City Manager, provided an update on the Jenny Lind Apartments elevator. He noted it was his understanding the check had been delivered that day and there was no update on whether the elevator had been activated.

Mr. Cameron noted there had been a hearing regarding State legislation on the Land Bank bill at 2:00 p.m. He further noted the measure was introduced by Representative Bill Owen and supported by Senator Lincoln Huff. He added the City had advocated for this a few years ago, and the Land Bank law empowered Missouri communities to convert vacant properties into productive use, such as affordable housing or commercial development.

Mr. Cameron provided an update on the convention and event center tourism tax. He noted the information team, led by Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger and Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, continued its community outreach efforts. He further noted the team launched a speaker's bureau and established a presentation schedule. Mr. Cameron provided an update with City Council priorities and spoke at the Sunrise Rotary about the upcoming ballot measure, while the Mayor and Visit Springfield President/CEO, Mark Hecquey, met with members of the business community. He added the Public Information and Civic Engagement Office developed a strong multimedia package offering information across multiple formats.

Mr. Cameron congratulated Crystal Quade on being selected as the new Executive Director of the Downtown Springfield Association.

Mr. Cameron noted 50 officers from the Springfield Police Department participated in the Victim Center Hearts of Hope campaign, representing the organization's 50th anniversary. Mr. Cameron noted the Police Academy graduation would occur on February 14.

Mr. Cameron noted the Springfield Fire Free Community CPR classes would begin Saturday and continue on each Saturday through February. He further noted it was a joint partnership with Springfield Fire, CoxHealth, and Mercy.

Mr. Cameron noted he attended Come From Away at the Springfield Little Theatre and congratulated everyone who participated in that effort.

Councilmember Horton asked for clarification on the Waste Impacts Initiative that would clean corridors ahead of the Route 66 Centennial. Mr. Cameron noted he had been working with the Director of Environmental Services, Errin Kemper, and his staff. He further noted it would be a continued effort to replace faded signage and banners, and to contract with organizations such as the Victory Mission to get the area cleared.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On. Except Item 6.1. Citizens May Speak to the Amendment Only.

6.1. Amended 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."

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

Ordinance 6975. Amended Council Bill 2026-010 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2026-026 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the North Glenstone Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield and the North Glenstone Community Improvement District; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri State Auditor of the creation of the District.

Mayor Schrag noted the public hearing was continued to the February 9, 2026, City Council meeting to comply with all notice requirements.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief this was a good example of how establishing a Community Improvement District (CID) to make improvements in targeted areas was a great model. He added this was a great resource to make improvement investments. Councilmember Jenson noted there were concerns received regarding the City's oversight of CIDs. He further noted these were generally separate political subdivisions that the City established, which collect tax revenues from within the district to fund public improvements and services. He provided examples of how CIDs had been utilized. He expressed his support for the petition.

Councilmember Horton noted City Council had taken action in the past three years due to crime in this corner. She expressed her belief self-governance would be a value add. She further expressed her belief there was a level of responsibility that came with giving this type of authority to a political subdivision. Councilmember Horton expressed her support for the proposed.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted it does take some work for CID's to be properly governed. He further expressed his belief there were many services the area could benefit from and expressed his support for the proposed.

Ordinance 28256. Council Bill 2026-026 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2026-027 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the budget for the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$307,443.27 to accept payment from local partners sharing the cost of capturing aerial imagery in Greene County and Christian County in 2026.

Ordinance 28257. Council Bill 2026-027 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2026-028 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article I "In General," Section 2-3 "Persons Authorized to Enter into Agreements on Behalf of the City," to modify the authority of the City Manager and department directors to enter into contracts without additional legislative action; and amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article I "In General," Section 2-9 "Gifts and donations to city," to increase the value of gifts and donations to the city that may be accepted without additional legislative action.

Councilmember Hosmer moved Council Bill 2026-028 be amended by changing lines 81 and 82 to reinsert the words "provided funds are appropriated by City Council for the Lease Purchase program." Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was discussed.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the lease purchase provision was the only provision listed without a monetary limit cap. He expressed his belief City Council should have authority to make these types of contracts or have a limit on the number.

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

The public hearing was continued on the amendment only to the February 23, 2026, City Council meeting.

6.5. Council Bill 2026-029 (Jenson)

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into Addendum #1 to the annual agreement with the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., d/b/a Visit Springfield, Missouri, executed on August 8, 2025; and amending the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$250,562, for the purpose of reflecting current and projected operational changes of the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and to accommodate board-approved expenditures.

Ordinance 28258. Council Bill 2026-029 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2026-030 (Jenson, Adib-Yazdi, Horton, Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with UHY Advisors Mid-Atlantic, Inc., for the purpose of providing internal audit services for the not to exceed price of \$435,068.31.

Ordinance 28259. Council Bill 2026-030 (Jenson, Adib-Yazdi, Horton, Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2026-031 (Horton)

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 Partnership Industrial Center West, Phase 14, generally located at 1200 North Haseltine 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.

Councilmember Jenson noted he was excited to see the development and asked the status of occupancy across both Partnership Industrial Center East and West.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, noted the Partnership Industrial Center was fully built out and turned over to the owners. She added this was governed by their current owner's partnership. She added Partnership Industrial Center West continued to be a public-private partnership, with two lots remaining.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief this was one of the most successful partnerships in the community. He further expressed his belief this was the type of thing that could be achieved when all entities worked together. He asked if the City should look for additional industrial center development sites or if local success had made it possible for private parties to carry on with major industrial site development. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded both and noted there was an active effort at the direction of the Administrative Council for PIC West, with the City having representatives that serve on that council to review placement of a future industrial park. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the City had a very low industrial vacancy rate, and it was important to have available sites ready.

Ordinance 28260. Council Bill 2026-031 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2026-042 (Jenson, Hosmer, Schrag)

A resolution reaffirming the City of Springfield's commitment to local control and initiating a community discussion on the appropriate role of the local referendum in the implementation of ForwardSGF.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted Councilmember Hosmer had requested to be added as a sponsor, and the record would reflect this change.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted Councilmember Jenson asked for the resolution to be prepared. He further noted Mayor Schrag and Councilmember Hosmer both joined in sponsorship. Mr. Paul added the resolution would reaffirm the City's commitment to local control and initiate a community discussion on the appropriate role of the local referendum in the implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Forward SGF.

Councilmember Horton asked in what format the community conversations would occur. Mr. Paul responded the language was not prescriptive. He added the proposed indicated the first step and announced to the community that City Council was interested in having the conversation.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Barbara Susan Robinson addressed City Council. Ms. Robinson thanked Councilmember Jenson and Mayor Schrag for their commitment to local control and maintaining the referendum petition process for local zoning decisions. She expressed her belief this was one of the few tools citizens had available to follow up with zoning decisions they disagreed with.

Melanie Bach, President of the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association, addressed City Council. Ms. Bach thanked City Council for addressing the issue. She noted her neighborhood had a lot of productive meetings with City leaders and expressed her appreciation to City Council for taking up the issue. She noted the City Charter was their constitution and expressed her belief they did not want to see change come from an outside influence.

Councilmember Lee expressed his belief comments he was hearing did not match with the ordinance. Ms. Bach responded she appreciated the issue being addressed.

Wendy Huscher addressed City Council in support of the proposed. She thanked City Council for their work. She noted the referendum process was a clear process and expressed her belief local discussions should remain local.

Stuart Venable addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Venable noted City Council took an oath of office and had been working to build trust. He further expressed his belief it was necessary to uphold the Constitution and the City Charter.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation to Mayor Schrag for his support in drafting the resolution. He expressed his belief addressing the House Bill would send a clear message to the State legislative delegation. He further expressed his belief conversations needed to be held locally, even when there were differing opinions. He expressed his agreement that continued consideration of House Bill 2847 would be harmful to the City and could undermine public support for upcoming initiatives.

Councilmember Jenson further expressed his belief that public discourse surrounding the issue had mostly been direct and respectful; however, he raised concerns about negative and inappropriate public rhetoric, particularly personal and misogynistic attacks, and emphasized the importance of respectful civic engagement. Councilmember Jenson also addressed criticism regarding the timing of the discussion, stating that the issue stemmed from a public action by the Chamber and warranted a transparent, public response. He urged, for the health of community trust, that House Bill 2847 be withdrawn, encouraged the protection of local control, and commended the Mayor and City Council for their work on the resolution.

Councilmember Lee expressed his opposition to the legislation, and noted there were many pieces of legislation that would never be voted on. He further expressed his belief the issue would cause more harm than good.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the Charter had been in effect for seventy years. He further noted local control had been on the City Council Legislative Agenda for thirteen years. He expressed his belief the resolution was important because it sent a message to the delegation in Jefferson City that an outsider should not impact the rules and laws of Springfield.

Councilmember Carroll expressed her belief there needed to be a strong City, Chamber of Commerce, neighborhoods, and business community in order to be a successful City. She further expressed her belief everyone needed to work together for the best outcome.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his belief consideration and discussion with community leaders was important, and it was also important to engage and mobilize to get citizens to vote. He expressed his support for the resolution.

Mayor Schrag noted he co-sponsored the proposed because he believed a conversation was being had that was very important for the future in which the City was not a participant. He further noted the City did not file the bill and had nothing to do with what was said. He expressed his belief he did not know if anything positive would happen with discussions regarding referendum reform. He expressed his appreciation for the support of City Council members and expressed his hope that people could agree to disagree in a good manner.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger expressed her hope that the lesson was for citizens to get engaged in meaningful conversation and be civil in those conversations. She expressed her support for the proposed.

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

Resolution 10856. Council Bill 2026-042 (Jenson, Hosmer, Schrag) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Lee. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2026-020 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' for the purpose of annexing approximately 12.67 acres of private property generally located at 3199 and 3225 West Sunshine Street into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-7-2025. (By: 3225 W Sunshine LLC; 3199 and 3225 West Sunshine; A-7-2025.)

Alana Owen, Principal Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed would allow annexation of property just northeast of the new Target location. She further noted the property owner petitioned to annex the property into the city limits. She added the property was located in a commercial corridor and located in a priority one annexation area identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if the City should weigh the comprehensive advantages of long-term revenue growth and population growth when annexation was considered and weigh fiscal impacts against the opportunity to grow the population base. Ms. Owen responded the property was commercial, and there would be no residential development directly related to the annexation. She added they would receive sales tax revenue upon commercial development of the property. Ms. Owen noted the property was along Sunshine Street which was a Missouri Department of Transportation right-of-way, so there would be no additional costs for maintenance. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if there was a way to review the 5.7 acres to determine the average tax revenue generated. Ms. Owen responded she could follow up regarding this request.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2026-035 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 17.84 acres of property generally located at 2000 South McCurry Avenue from Planned Development No. 343 to R-MD, Medium-Density Multifamily Residential District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 284; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Springfield Plaza LLC; 2000 South McCurry Avenue; Z-6-2026 with Conditional Overlay District No. 284).

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2026-035 and left the dais.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow rezoning at 2000 S. McCurry Avenue into a residential mixed medium density multifamily development with a conditional overlay district. He further noted the area was located in Sunshine Plaza. He added the recommendation set the appropriate density and retained control of the Planned Development.

Councilmember Jenson noted, in the future, it would be helpful if any requirements under the current Planned Development District be included that may be modified with the changes to the zoning district. Mr. Crighton responded he did not believe it was performing like they expected and additional density would possibly help spur additional development.

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

12.3. Council Bill 2026-036 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 726 acres of property generally located at 2300 North Airport Boulevard, 5703 and 5995 West Farm Road 104, 3521 North Farm Road 115, 4043 North Willard Road, the east side of the 3900 block of North Farm Road 103, 5720 West State Highway EE, and the south side of the 5700 block of West State Highway EE from County A-1, Agriculture District to HM, Heavy Manufacturing District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. By: City of Springfield, Airport Board; 2300 North Airport Boulevard, 5703, 5995 West Farm Road 104, 3521 North Farm Road 115, 4043 N. Willard Road, 3900 block North Farm Road 103, east-side, 5720 West State Highway II and 5700 West State Highway EE, south-side; Z-3-2026).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would rezone property owned by the City of Springfield around the Airport. He further noted all properties listed were acquired by the Airport over a long period of time but never rezoned into the City Zoning District. He added when the City remapped, it was determined the Airport properties should be rezoned. Mr. Crighton noted all would be consolidated into one use.

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

12.4. Council Bill 2026-037 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.56 acres of property generally located at 1138, 1142, and 1148 East Elm Street and 512 and 516 South Florence Avenue from R-HD, High-Density Multifamily District and UN, University Combining District, to GR, General Retail District and UN, University Combining District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 283; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: One Hundred Two Glenstone Inc, Terry Tacke, 1130 E Elm LLC, 1142 E Elm LLC; Z-2-2026 with Conditional Overlay District No. 283).

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2026-037.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed would allow property located near the intersection of National Avenue and Elm Street to be rezoned to redevelop the New Way Apartment building. He added single-family rentals would remain, and the conditional overlay district would limit it to residential uses. Mr. Crighton noted multifamily was the primary use in the area.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked which property would be expanded. Mr. Crighton responded the New Way Apartments right behind Andy's Custard would be renovated and have more units added.

Councilmember Lee returned to the dais.

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

12.5. Council Bill 2026-038 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.4 acre of property generally located at 3005 West Chestnut Expressway from GM, General Manufacturing District, to IC, Industrial Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: ABC Supply Co., Inc.; 3005 W. Chestnut Expressway; Z-8-2026).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed was a request to rezone the property with the intention to lease it for retail sales.

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

12.6. Council Bill 2026-039 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Springfield, Missouri, adopted pursuant to General Ordinance 1478, by changing the street name of the 200 to 600 blocks of East Blaine Street and the 200 to 400 blocks of West Blaine Street between Washington and Lyon Avenues from Blaine "Street" to Blaine "Lane." (By: City of Springfield; 200-600 blk East Blaine Street and 200-400 blk West Blaine Street between Washington and Lyon Avenues; Street Name Change No. 83).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the request was initiated by the commercial Club, then sponsored by City Council and brought forward with the City as an applicant. He further noted the proposed would change the street name from Blaine Street to Blaine Lane.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Mary Collette spoke in support of the proposed. She thanked Councilmember Horton for sponsoring the request and added there was no cost to the Commercial Club. She noted they could see some marketing opportunities.

Councilmember Horton thanked Ms. Collette for speaking and for her due diligence and always being a strong advocate on Historic C-Street.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2026-040 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept \$267,000 in State of Missouri appropriation funds awarded to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, d/b/a Visit Springfield, for street and right-of-way improvements necessary to support the installation of the Queen's Gate monument near the intersection of St. Louis Street and Glenstone Avenue; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to do those things necessary to receive and disburse such funds and carry out the identified activities; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$267,000 to appropriate these funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Cora Scott, Director of Public Involvement and Civic Engagement, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed was a positive story of collaboration between the State legislature, the City, the State Department of Tourism, and private sector business. She further noted the proposed would authorize the acceptance of \$267,000 in State appropriations brought forth in large part due to Senator Lincoln Hough. She added the funds would go to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Springfield) and would be transferred for street and right-of-way improvements necessary to support the installation of the Route 66 Gateway Queen's Gate Monument.

Ms. Scott noted the monument was a 30-foot monument to be designated in the middle of St. Louis Street. She thanked Mark Hecquet and Gordon Elliot for their involvement. Councilmember Lee thanked Ms. Scott for presenting the actual foundation plan to City Council, including a seal from a civil engineer.

Councilmember Carroll asked if there was a hashtag to go along with the site. Ms. Scott responded there was not one yet.

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

Ordinance 28261. Council Bill 2026-040 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2026-041 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the purchase of real property, commonly known as 624 North Franklin Avenue; and further authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter a contract and do those things necessary to acquire said property.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted a small piece of property surrounded by City property near the Broyles Complex had come up for sale. He further noted the initial intent was to create a buffer area on the property. He added if approved, staff would move forward with the sale.

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. Jon Wagon wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

15.2. Alejandra De Olivera wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

15.3. Judy Plaster wishes to address City Council. Appeared.

Judy Plaster addressed City Council. She noted an elderly friend of hers was homeless. She further noted it was difficult to find a place to stay for an elderly woman. Ms. Plaster noted her friend had been sleeping at Safe to Sleep and had nowhere to go during the day when Safe to Sleep was not open.

Mayor Schrag asked Ms. Plaster to make sure the City Clerk had all of her contact information.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

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 2026-032 (Adib-Yazdi)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield to dispose of approximately 0.05 acres of property generally located at 2577 South Fremont Avenue.

Ordinance 28262. Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

21.2. Confirm the following reappointments to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Dr. Thomas Masterson and Christen Davis, with terms to expire November 29, 2028. Confirmed.

21.3. Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Thomas Todd with term to expire November 29, 2028. Confirmed.

21.4. Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Rebekah Davis with term to expire November 29, 2026. Confirmed.

21.5. Confirm the following reappointment to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Robert McDaniel with term to expire December 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.6. Confirm the following appointment to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Dr. Kevin Ray Evans with term to expire December 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.7. Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Jacinda Warren with term to expire May 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.8. Confirm the following appointment to the Landmarks Board: Lisa Napoli-Meagher with term to expire November 1, 2026. Confirmed.

21.9. Confirm the following reappointments to the Personnel Board: Robert Brown and Jessika Ricci with terms to expire March 1, 2029. Confirmed.

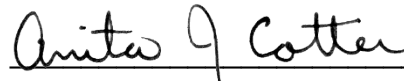
22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. CLOSED SESSION. Did Not Occur. City Council Stood Adjourned.

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.

City Council did not go into Closed Session. Councilmember Jenson moved to approve adjournment. Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk