



City of Springfield

Agenda

City Council Special 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

May 26, 2026

11:30 AM

Councilman Denny Whyne  
 Conference Room  
 Busch Building, 4th Floor  
 840 Boonville Avenue

[Rules and procedures.](#)

**1. ROLL CALL.**

**2. EMERGENCY BILLS.**

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governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3), 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.

4.1. Special Meeting Notice



## EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2026-120 (SCHRAG)

**FILED:** 05/22/2026

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

**TITLE:** A Special Ordinance amending Special Ordinance 28270 by calling an election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to submit to the qualified voters the question of whether to declare the necessity of acquiring certain real property for the purpose of replacing the Main Avenue bridge over Jordan Creek, which the Missouri Department of Transportation independently rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement.” This project would be paid for in part by federal funds; and declaring an emergency.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with both state law and the City Charter by moving the Referendum from the August 4, 2026, election to November 3, 2026, until an ordinance is passed to approve the real estate contract for the Property, repeal Special Ordinance 28232, and cancel the Referendum.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On December 15, 2025, City Council passed Special Ordinance 28232. This ordinance declared the necessity of acquiring certain real property, commonly known as 334 N. Main Ave. (“the Property”), for the purpose of replacing the Main Avenue bridge over Jordan Creek, which the Missouri Department of Transportation independently rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement,” and noted this project would be paid for in part by federal funds.

A petition to refer Special Ordinance 28232 to the qualified voters was filed with the City Clerk on January 9, 2026, and was determined to have insufficient signatures on January 29, 2026. An amended petition to refer Special Ordinance 28232 to the qualified voters was filed with the City Clerk on February 9, 2026, was determined to have sufficient signatures on February 13, 2026, and was certified to City Council on February 23, 2026.

City Council reconsidered Special Ordinance 28232 and did not repeal the same on March 23, 2026. City Council called an election on Tuesday August 4, 2026, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to submit to the qualified voters the question of whether to declare the necessity of acquiring certain real property for the purpose of replacing the Main Avenue bridge over Jordan Creek, which the Missouri Department of Transportation independently rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement” (“the Referendum”) on March 23, 2026.

The City and the Owners have reached an agreement for the purchase of the Property, subject to approval by ordinance, with first reading anticipated to occur on June 8, 2026, and second reading on June 22, 2026. The ordinance will also repeal Special



Ordinance 28232 and cancel the Referendum. In the meantime, Special Ordinance 28232 remains in effect and the final certification date for the August 4, 2026, election is May 26, 2026. In order to comply with both state law and the City Charter, it is necessary to move the Referendum from the August 4, 2026, election to November 3, 2026, until an ordinance is passed to approve the real estate contract for the Property, repeal Special Ordinance 28232, and cancel the Referendum.

**Submitted By:** Jordan Paul, City Attorney

**Authorized for inclusion on the agenda pursuant to City Code section 2-33:**

**Attachments:** 1. Amending an Election Referendum SO28270\_ord (002)

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Filed: 05-22-26

Sponsored by: Schrag

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL BILL 2026-120

SPECIAL ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE

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2 2026, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to submit to the qualified voters  
3 the question of whether to declare the necessity of acquiring certain real  
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5 Creek, which the Missouri Department of Transportation independently  
6 rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement.” This project would be paid  
7 for in part by federal funds; and declaring an emergency.  
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10 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2025, City Council passed Special Ordinance  
11 28232; and  
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14 real property, commonly known as 334 N. Main Ave. (“the Property”), for the purpose of  
15 replacing the Main Avenue bridge over Jordan Creek, which the Missouri Department of  
16 Transportation independently rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement,” and noted  
17 this project would be paid for in part by federal funds; and  
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19 WHEREAS, a petition to refer Special Ordinance 28232 to the qualified voters was  
20 filed with the City Clerk on January 9, 2026, and was determined to have insufficient  
21 signatures on January 29, 2026; and  
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29 repeal the same on March 23, 2026; and  
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33 the necessity of acquiring certain real property for the purpose of replacing the Main  
34 Avenue bridge over Jordan Creek, which the Missouri Department of Transportation  
35 independently rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement” (“the Referendum”) on  
36 March 23, 2026; and

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38 WHEREAS, the City and the Owners have reached an agreement for the purchase  
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40 on June 8, 2026, and second reading on June 22, 2026. The ordinance will also repeal  
41 Special Ordinance 28232 and cancel the Referendum; and

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43 WHEREAS, in the meantime, Special Ordinance 28232 remains in effect and the  
44 final certification date for the August 4, 2026, election is May 26, 2026; and

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46 WHEREAS, in order to comply with both state law and the City Charter, it is  
47 necessary to move the Referendum from the August 4, 2026, election to November 3,  
48 2026, until an ordinance is passed to approve the real estate contract for the Property,  
49 repeal Special Ordinance 28232, and cancel the Referendum.

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51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
52 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

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54 Section 1 – Section 1 of Special Ordinance 28270 is hereby amended to read as  
55 follows: An election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Springfield,  
56 Missouri, on Tuesday November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified  
57 voters of the City the question of whether to declare the necessity of acquiring certain real  
58 property for the purpose of replacing the Main Avenue bridge over Jordan Creek, which  
59 the Missouri Department of Transportation independently rates as “poor” and  
60 recommends “replacement.” This project would be paid for in part by federal funds.

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62 Section 2 – Section 2 of Special Ordinance 28270 is hereby amended to read as  
63 follows: The ballot to submit the issue referenced in Section 1 shall be in substantially the  
64 same form as the following:

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67 OFFICIAL BALLOT  
68 CITY ELECTION  
69 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI  
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71 Shall the City of Springfield, Missouri, declare the necessity of acquiring  
72 certain real property for the purpose of replacing the Main Avenue bridge  
73 over Jordan Creek, which the Missouri Department of Transportation  
74 independently rates as “poor” and recommends “replacement”? This  
75 project would be paid for in part by federal funds.

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INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

To vote FOR the Question, complete the arrow opposite YES.

To vote AGAINST the Question, complete the arrow opposite NO.

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Section 3 – Section 3 of Special Ordinance 28270 is hereby amended to read as follows: The Greene County Clerk is hereby authorized to conduct an election in a manner consistent with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo, as amended.

Section 4 – Section 4 of Special Ordinance 28270 is hereby amended to read as follows: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Greene County Clerk of the adoption of this Ordinance as soon as practicable, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth Tuesday prior to November 3, 2026, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo, as amended, or any other law. The City Clerk is authorized to do all things necessary and convenient to ensure that the question is properly submitted to the qualified voters on November 3, 2026.

Section 5 – City Council finds and declares, in accordance with City Charter Section 2.12, that this Ordinance qualifies as an emergency because it relates to the calling of an election and may be approved by the City Council on the same day as its introduction.

Section 6 – Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 7 – This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Pass at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form:  \_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney

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Approved for Council action:  \_\_\_\_\_, City Manager



May 21, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE  
of the  
SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL

TO: All Members of City Council

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-32 OF THE SPRINGFIELD CITY CODE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS HEREBY CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

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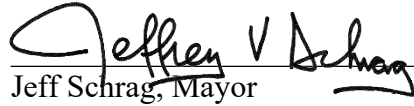
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SAID MEETING SHALL BE HELD beginning at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, and is at the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville, in the Denny Wayne Conference Room.

  
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Jeff Schrag, Mayor