COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
November 4, 2025
11:30 a.m.
Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Avenue
Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room (4th Floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Monica Horton, Callie Carroll, Brandon Jenson, Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Heather Hardinger, Craig Hosmer, Derek Lee, Abe McGull, and Jeff Schrag.
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None.
STAFF PRESENT:	Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager; Melissa Hart, Assistant Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement; Jordan Paul, City Attorney; Anita Cotter, City Clerk; and Kristina D'Andrea, Executive Secretary.
GUESTS:	None.

Mayor Schrag called the meeting to order at approximately 11:34 a.m., and roll call was conducted. Present: Carroll, Lee, Horton, Jenson, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Absent: None.

Councilmember McGull moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, meeting as presented. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor Schrag made a special announcement the December 2, 2025, City Council Luncheon would include a City Council vote to accept a landbank donation.

Mayor Schrag noted the purpose of this meeting was to consider City Council priorities. He asked David Cameron, City Manager, to present the priorities.

Mr. Cameron introduced City Council Priority 1, Operation Excellence – "Enhance agility, efficiency, and transparency across city departments and Council operations. Ensure long-term sustainability of city-owned infrastructure and facilities through proactive maintenance and optimized resource alignment." Mayor Schrag opened the floor to discussion. Committee members did not have comments.

Mr. Cameron introduced City Council Priority 2, Public Safety Transformation – "Reimagine public safety to improve community trust, reduce offenses impacting quality of life, and enhance operational efficiency through targeted enforcement, resource optimization, and strategic partnerships." Mayor Schrag opened the floor to discussion. Councilmember Hosmer voiced his concerns for the term "targeted enforcement". Committee members discussed removing "targeted" from the description.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi moved to remove "targeted" from City Council Priority 2, and adopt the priority as amended. Councilmember Hosmer seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mr. Cameron introduced City Council Priority 3, Economic Vitality – "Deploy city assets strategically to drive growth, attract and retain talent, and stimulate investment." Mayor Schrag opened the floor to discussion. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi suggested the change, "deploy city assets and identify vacant or underutilized property to drive strategic growth."

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi moved to adopt City Council Priority 3 as amended. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mr. Cameron introduced City Council Priority 4, Housing Strategy – "Establish a clear, measurable housing strategy to increase the volume of quality housing stock by aligning best practices and policies with available tools to meeting Springfield's long-term housing needs while addressing geography; price-appropriateness; owner occupancy levels by dwelling type; and other relevant measure." Mayor Schrag opened the floor to discussion. Horton expressed her opinion the "strategic objective" summary seemed to describe the priorities. She recommended "Description" replace "Strategic Objective" for all priorities. Councilmember Hosmer discussed adding "neighborhood preservation" to the housing strategy description.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to adopt City Council Priority 4 as amended. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mr. Cameron introduced City Council Priority 5, Development Process – " The City of Springfield will embody best practices in its development processes to ensure optimal communication, transparency, and collaboration, while maintaining safety, livability, and quality of place." Mayor Schrag opened the floor to discussion. Councilmember McGull recommended replacing "embody" with "deploy".

Councilmember McGull moved to adopt City Council Priority 5 as amended. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Horton raised the question about "quality of place", and discussion took place. Committee members also discussed the necessity of the word "enforcement".

Councilmember Jenson moved to amend City Council Priority 5 "The City of Springfield will deploy best practices in its development processes to ensure optimal communication, transparency, and collaboration." Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Jenson moved to amend City Council Priority 3 to "Deploy city assets and identify vacant or underutilized property to improve livability, quality of place, drive strategic growth, attract and retain talent, and stimulate investment." Councilmember Hosmer seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, and McGull. Nays: Lee. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Jenson moved to direct staff to formalize these priority recommendations as amended in a Council Bill for inclusion on the November 17, 2025 City Council meeting agenda. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Lee, Horton, Carroll, Adib-Yazdi, Hardinger, Hosmer, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to adjourn to Special City Council Meeting. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carroll, Hosmer, Adib-Yazdi, Horton, Hardinger, Jenson, Lee, McGull, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Prepared by Kristina D'Andrea