

March 25, 2019
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session March 25, 2019 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call Present: Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Phyllis Ferguson, Matthew Simpson, Tom Prater, Mike Schilling, and Ken McClure. Absent: None

Minutes There being no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes of the March 11, 2019 City Council Meeting and March 12, 2019 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, stated recommendations from the Public Involvement Committee for Board Appointments were not provided to City Council for review prior to the meeting tonight, and based on this they will be removed from the agenda to allow for review by City Council unless there is an objection from City Council.

Mayor Ken McClure stated there was no objection and City Council would proceed in that manner.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

Greenwood Laboratory School Boys' Basketball Team Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-063. A resolution recognizing the achievement of the Greenwood Laboratory School Blue Jays, under the guidance and leadership of coach Darren Taylor and assistant coach Joe Black, upon winning the 2018-2019 Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 Boys Basketball State Tournament.

Councilman Prater stated as the City Representative for Zone 2, he is proud to honor Greenwood Laboratory School for their accomplishments and read the resolution in its entirety. Jason Gage, City Manager, noted he was able to watch some of Greenwood's games leading up to their Championship appearance, and offered his congratulations to the team and their coaches.

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

Mayor Ken McClure expressed his opinion the City is pleased to have a rich heritage of high school basketball in the Community, and Greenwood, and soon to be honored later this evening, Springfield Catholic, are both good examples of that heritage.

Council Bill 2019-063. Resolution 10435 was approved by the following vote: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Ken McClure presented the resolution to Darren Taylor, Head Coach, and the Greenwood Laboratory School boys' basketball team.

**Springfield
Catholic High
School Boys'
Basketball Team**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-064. A resolution recognizing the achievement of the Springfield Catholic High School Fightin' Irish, under the guidance and leadership of coach Dustin Larsen, and assistant coaches Kirk Chaffin, Mike Foley, and Denny Hunt, upon winning second place in the 2018-2019 Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 3 Boys Basketball State Tournament.

Councilman Simpson stated as the Representative for Zone 4, he is proud to honor Springfield Catholic High School for their accomplishments and read the resolution in its entirety. Jason Gage, City Manager, expressed his opinion Springfield Catholic represented the City well and congratulated the team and their coaches.

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

Council Bill 2019-064. Resolution 10436 was approved by the following vote: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Ken McClure offered congratulations to Springfield Catholic and presented the resolution to Dustin Larsen, Head Coach, and the Springfield Catholic High School boys' basketball team.

Mr. Larsen expressed appreciation on behalf of the team and thanked City Council for honoring them tonight. He added they are proud of their program and were proud to represent the City in the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 3 Boy's Championship Game.

Mayor Ken McClure thanked both teams for attending the meeting and expressed his opinion it is important for the Community to recognize their accomplishments.

Mayor Ken McClure welcomed a news reporting class from Evangel University that was in attendance this evening, thanked them for attending, and asked them to stand to be recognized.

City Managers Report and responses to questions raised at the previous City Council Meeting.

**City Manager's
Report**

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the February 2019 and year-to-date Uniform Crime Report statistics and Sworn Staffing Report were provided to City Council at their places by Paul Williams, Police Chief. Mr. Gage provided an update on the Sexual Assault Task Force's collaboration with the Springfield Police Department and Public Information Office to create two brochures to serve as guides to the domestic assault and sexual assault investigative processes, and noted the information is also available online.

Mr. Gage noted the Spring edition of the SGF Neighborhood News will be mailed next week and is available online at sgfneighborhoodnews.com. He added the special edition contains information about the upcoming ballot initiatives, and a special section by Environmental Services that provides tips and best practices for helpful and environmentally responsible spring-cleaning and yard care.

Mr. Gage provided an update on the first Galloway/Lone Pine Corridor Public Meeting on March 21, 2019. He stated approximately 175 people attended the open-house style meeting which allowed attendees to visit City-run stations providing information about traffic, stormwater, parks, and other items. Mr. Gage added City Staff collected feedback on their thoughts and concerns about the future of the area, and stakeholder input will be used to develop a report for City Council with recommendations for the area in late Summer 2019. Additionally, an electronic survey is currently open at Galloway.questionpro.com. He noted details would soon be released about the next public meeting in May where results from the first input session will be used to zero in on focused development options for consideration, and schematic renderings showing alternatives which will be presented for visual preference surveys.

Mr. Gage encouraged citizens to vote on April 2, 2019. He reminded everyone the City's ¼-cent capital improvements sales tax will be on the ballot for renewal. He noted this renewal does not constitute a tax increase. He added the tax has helped pay for high-priority roadway, sidewalk, and other infrastructure projects for 30 years, and the ballot initiative requests to extend the cycle to 20 years. Additionally, citizens can visit springfieldmo.gov/election for a list of proposed projects and programs.

Mr. Gage provided an update on the Springfield Fire Department's reaccreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International/Center for Public Safety Excellence (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. He added the Fire Department was first accredited in 2009, achieved its first reaccreditation in 2014, and fewer than one percent of fire agencies worldwide are accredited. Additionally, only ten percent of the U.S. population is protected by an accredited fire service agency, and the City is proud our citizens are among those who are. Mr. Gage thanked David Pennington, Fire Chief, for his dedicated service to the Community.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills.

3851 W. Farm Rd. 148/ University St. annexation

Sponsor. Schilling. Council Bill 2019-029. A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' by annexing 9.3 acres of private property and 0.3 acres of Greene County right-of-way into the City of Springfield, Missouri, generally located at 3851 West Farm Road 148/University Street, and generally referenced as Annexation A-1-19; and amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 46, Section 46-1, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' by adding this property to the ward and precinct assigned by the County Clerk. (By: A&R Property Developers, LLC; 3851 W. Farm Road 148/University St.; Annexation A-1-19.)

Council Bill 2019-029. General Ordinance 6511 was approved by the following vote: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

3851 W. Farm Rd. 148/University St. rezoning

Sponsor. Schilling. Amended Council Bill 2019-030. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 9.3 acres of property generally located at 3851 West Farm Road 148/University Street from County C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, to R-MD, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District and GR, General Retail District; and establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 166; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: A&R Property Developers, LLC; 3851 W. Farm Road 148/University St.; Z-4-2019 w/COD #166.)

Mayor McClure noted the proposed had been amended at the March 11, 2019 meeting. An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views on the amendment only. With no speakers, the public hearing on the amendment only was declared closed.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found to be insufficient at 3.5 percent, therefore a supermajority will not be required for passage. She added a copy of the supplemental explanation sheets was provided to City Council at their places for review. Amended Council Bill 2019-030. General Ordinance 6512 was approved by the following vote: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**3851 W. Farm Rd.
148/University St.
Preliminary Plat**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2019-036. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Opal Sunset Subdivision generally located at 3851 West Farm Road 148/University Street, 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. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2019-036. Special Ordinance 24163 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**1116 and 1120 E.
Pythian St., 922 to
933 Florence Ave.,
and 941 N.
National Ave.**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-055. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 3.73 acres of property, generally located at 1116 and 1120 East Pythian Street, 922 to 933 North Florence Avenue, and 941 North National Avenue, from LB, Limited Business District and R-TH, Residential Townhouse District to GI, Government and Institutional Use District. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Junior College District of Southwest Missouri (OTC); 1116, 1120 East Pythian Street, 922 to 933 North Florence Avenue, and 941 North National Avenue; Z-2-2019.)

Councilman Simpson noted Council Bill 2019-055 involves his employer, Ozarks Technical Community College, and he is recusing himself from consideration of the proposed to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Councilman Schilling noted Council Bill 2019-055 involves his employer, Ozarks Technical Community College, and he is recusing himself from consideration of the proposed to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Councilman Simpson and Councilman Schilling left Council Chambers at 6:54 p.m.

Council Bill 2019-055. General Ordinance 6513 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Prater, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simpson and Schilling.

Councilman Simpson and Councilman Schilling returned to Council Chambers at approximately 6:56 p.m.

1325 N. Eldon Avenue

Sponsor. Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-056. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 43.5 acres of property, generally located at 1325 North Eldon Avenue, from Planned Development No. 187, 1st Amendment, to GM, General Manufacturing District. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Positronic Industries Inc.; 1325 North Eldon Avenue; Z-5-2019.)

Council Bill 2019-056. General Ordinance 6514 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

3040 E. Cherry St.

Sponsor. Prater. Council Bill 2019-057. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 1.8 acres of property, generally located at 3040 East Cherry Street, from HC, Highway Commercial and R-LD, Low-Density Multi-family Residential District with Conditional Overlay District No. 77 to GM, General Manufacturing District and establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 167. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Excel Investments LP; 3040 East Cherry Street; Z-6-2019 w/Conditional Overlay District No. 167.)

Council Bill 2019-057. General Ordinance 6515 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Driveway resurfacing requirements

Sponsor. Simpson. Council Bill 2019-058. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division VI, 'Design and Development Standards,' Section 36-483, 'Off-Street Parking and Loading Design Standards,' relating to surfacing requirements for driveways, vehicle parking, storage, and maneuvering areas. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

Councilman Schilling stated he will make a motion to remand Council Bill 2019-058 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review after City Staff reviewed City Council's questions from the March 11, 2019 City Council Meeting and found inconsistencies in the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to driveways and parking that they recommended be addressed.

Councilman Schilling moved to remand Council Bill 2019-058 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review and possible revisions. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

The Link Washington Avenue Project

Sponsor: Ollis. Amended Council Bill 2019-059. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for The Link Washington Avenue Project; accepting the bid of Hamilton and Dad, Inc., in the amount of \$233,162.19, for said Project; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2019-059. Special Ordinance 24164 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

RESOLUTIONS.

Economic and housing access calamity

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-065. A resolution extending the declaration of an economic and housing access calamity for the purpose of continuing to allow service providers to provide food and lodging for the working poor and unemployed in the community; and providing a term for same.

Brendan Griesemer, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Griesemer stated the proposed would extend the declaration of an economic and housing access calamity City Council first approved in 2009 during the Great Recession, and has since extended six additional times due to the City's poverty rate being higher than the National average. He noted it would allow churches and other non-for-profit organizations to provide services to the City's under-resourced population, and especially during cold-weather months when there is a spike in the demand for services. Mr. Griesemer stated the organizations provide aide on a volunteer basis and are required to meet City Health Codes and Building Codes to continue providing services. Additionally, the proposed would extend the economic and housing access calamity to March 31, 2021 and City Staff recommends approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Michelle Garand spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Garand stated she oversees the Affordable Housing and Homeless Prevention Division of The Community Partnership of the Ozarks and their role is to work closely with the City to facilitate the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness, a designated continuum of care for homeless in the area and the regional planning body for the City, and Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties. She noted data and identification of the needs of those without a home are utilized to address the issue of homelessness, and prior to the economic housing and access calamity passed by City Council in 2009, there were approximately 200-300 single adult individuals per night without access to a shelter and on the street during cold-weather months due to many shelters being at capacity.

Ms. Garand noted since 2009 many organizations have volunteered to meet the needs of homeless in the City, and more are still needed to meet the growing demand in the surrounding area. She stated East Sunshine Church of Christ opened their doors this year and offered more than 64 nights of shelter and 4,370 bed nights during cold-weather months to approximately 68 homeless men in the Community. Additionally, Grace United Methodist Church worked collectively with St. Agnes Church to open a network to serve homeless women in the Community and join faith communities. Ms. Garand stated she supports the proposed.

Councilwoman Ferguson asked for clarification on the focus towards the homeless youth crisis in the Community being addressed. Ms. Garand responded the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness has a Homeless Youth Task Force that is conducting gap analysis to find solutions to address the challenging needs. She added Federal funding is being prioritized for youth and targeted towards solutions for homeless youth in the Community.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Council Bill 2019-065. Resolution 10437 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants.

Surface Transportation Block Grant funding

Sponsor. Hosmer. Council Bill 2019-066. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into several Agreements with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of accepting Surface Transportation Block Grant funding for the construction of sidewalks and trails in the City of Springfield; amending the Department of Public Works Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget in the amount of \$598,951.00 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring that this Council Bill qualifies for approval in one-reading.

Eric Claussen, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Claussen stated the proposed is a follow-up to what was presented to City Council at the December 10, 2018 City Council Meeting and would allow the City to accept grant funding for several construction projects of sidewalks and trails in the Community. He noted the proposed would allow for improvements to the Fasnigh Greenway Trail, Brentwood Neighborhood to Galloway Trail connection, Harvard Avenue and Luster Avenue sidewalks, and reconstruction of a portion of the Galloway Trail.

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

Council Bill 2019-066. Special Ordinance 27165 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing Bills.

HOME Investment Partnership Program

Sponsor. Fisk. Council Bill 2019-067. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under the Consolidated Plan, to accept Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, to enter into any necessary agreements to carry out the grants, and to exercise any and all powers necessary to implement selected projects; selecting projects for funding for the City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2019-2020; to reaffirm the Community Development Objectives and Priorities; and to declare that this Ordinance qualifies as a one-reading bill pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25). (City Council is not expected to vote on this Ordinance after the first reading on March 25, 2019.)

Bob Atchley, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Atchley stated the City's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for annual funding consisted of applying for two grants, the Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds (HOME). He noted HUD requires the majority of the awarded grants be used to address affordable housing, community development, and economic development activities in the recipient's community. Additionally, based on awards received in 2018, City Staff estimates the City will receive approximately 1.3 million dollars in CDBG funds and 967,000 dollars in HOME funds in 2019.

Mr. Atchley stated HOME funds are for the provision of affordable housing and a small portion of CDBG funds are for discretionary public service projects to benefit low to moderate income persons. He reviewed a graphic of the ten-year history of HUD funding the City has received showing a continued overall downward trend since 2009, and expressed his opinion continued inflation has restricted additional construction of housing. Mr. Atchley provided CDBG funds recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and noted HUD places a cap on funding of 15 percent of awards being utilized for public service projects. He added approximately 192,000 dollars is available for public service projects in 2019 and the proposals received exceeded the available funding, with all but two proposals qualifying as public service projects.

Mr. Atchley stated a five-person non-partisan City Staff committee rated and ranked each proposal based on several criteria and Resolution 8720. He noted criteria includes readiness, implementation, leveraging, cost-benefit analysis, targeting, citizen involvement, and staff efficiency. Additionally, they consulted with United Way of the Ozarks and Community Foundation of the Ozarks during the ranking process. Mr. Atchley stated each proposal is given a high, medium, or low ranking with City Council and HUD regulations in consideration, and then presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD). He noted there were two public hearings held with the CACCD, including a joint CACCD and City Council public hearing on January 8, 2019. Additionally, the CACCD met on January 22, 2019 and February 26, 2019 and both sets of minutes are attached to the proposed as Exhibit E. Mr. Atchley stated the CACCD requests City Council re-evaluate the criteria for HUD funding process and allow the Committee to have a greater role in the process. He added City Staff recommends approval of the proposed.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ashley French spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. French stated she is the grant writer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks (BBBS) and expressed her concern for the City scoring process of grant awards and future City Council priorities of HUD funding. She stated she did not attend a public hearing session with the CACCD this year, in the past attendance did not affect funding awarded, and apologized to City Council for her absence at those sessions. Ms. French expressed her opinion the scoring system is unclear and several aspects of it are unmandated, making it challenging for non-profits to prepare their proposals. She added BBBS was penalized on the aspect of capacity and expressed her opinion capacity is not well-defined and the scoring process should be more objective. Ms. French expressed her opinion prioritizing youth mentoring would be good for City Council to do moving forward because it would aide in youth becoming contributing members of our community as adults. She expressed her opinion consistency and objectivity in scoring would also be good for City Council to consider.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification on City Council considering scoring and funding at a future date. Mr. Atchley verified that would occur and noted City Staff are looking at other communities in the Midwest to provide City Council with additional ideas and options to consider as they review the scoring and funding processes.

Michelle Garand spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Garand stated she works for Community Partnership of the Ozarks and CDBG funds are utilized to provide affordable housing and reduce homelessness in the area. She added the organization submits two grant proposals for over 1 million dollars of HUD funding annually from the continuum of care and emergency solution grant funds, and additional funds over the 1 million dollars awarded are critical to meet the growing needs of the Community. Ms. Garand stated she supports the proposed.

Maura Taylor spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Taylor stated she works for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri and they operate LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home, where in 2018 they had 51 residents and 17 healthy babies born. She added that was significant because approximately 70 percent of women at the home have a drug-related history, and funding is critical to assist those on the streets most in need. Ms. Taylor noted residents receive three meals a day and have access to comprehensive care including the Parents as Teachers Program and mental health care. She stated she supports the proposed.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills.

Purchase of service weapons by retired police officers

Sponsor. Ollis. Council Bill 2019-068. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article VI, 'Finances,' Division 2, 'Purchasing,' Section 2-401, 'Purchasing Manual adopted,' by adding Section 13-3.312 for the purpose of allowing retired police officers to purchase their service weapons.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams stated the proposed would allow Springfield Police Officers the option to purchase their firearm used in the line of duty upon their retirement. He added the current protocol is for the firearms to be sold back to the vendor through a rebate program and eventually resold to the general population. Chief Williams stated providing the retiring officer with a one-time offer of purchasing their firearm would keep those guns out of the hands of the general population and reward the officer for their service to the community. He noted three examples in the State of police officer firearm purchasing programs; Kansas City Missouri allows their officers to keep their firearm because they purchase it themselves; the Missouri State Highway Patrol allows officers to keep their firearms if they purchase a replacement firearm at value; and Columbia Missouri gifts their firearms to their officers. Chief Williams stated the proposed is a combination of these programs in that it would allow retiring officers the option to purchase their firearms at a negotiated cost while saving the City money by not gifting the firearms.

Councilwoman Ferguson asked for clarification on the resale value of the firearms and the cost of new firearms. Chief Williams responded approximately 180-190 dollars is the trade-in value and depending on the age of the firearm it could be as high as 300-400 dollars. He added a new firearm costs approximately 500-600 dollars.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification on the number of officers retiring annually. Chief Williams responded approximately ten to fifteen officers retire per year.

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

General Fund Budget

Sponsor. Fisk. Council Bill 2019-069. A special ordinance amending the General Fund budget of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal Year 2019, by appropriating a portion of the 2018 Fiscal Year carryover funds in the amount of \$2,800,000.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann stated the proposed was first discussed at the March 5, 2019 City Council Lunch and allocation of General Carryover Funds from Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 in the amount of 2.8 million dollars is proposed to be used for expenses in three areas of operation. He noted the funds would be allocated across the maintenance of City-owned facilities, public safety, and operations, with 1.5

million dollars for facility repairs to ageing structures, 500,000 dollars for Building Development Services to address chronic nuisance properties, and 500,000 dollars for phase two of a City enterprise software system.

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

**Cherry Street
widening project**

Sponsor. Prater. Council Bill 2019-070. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the “Cherry Street Widening – Barnes Avenue to Oak Grove Avenue” Project; accepting the bid of Hamilton and Dad, Inc., in the amount of \$2,051,509.32; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; for the purpose of constructing said Project.

Laree Reese, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Reese stated the proposed would allow for the widening of Cherry Street to three lanes from Barnes Avenue to Oak Grove Avenue and include stormwater improvements, on-street bike lanes, gas and water renewals, intersection improvements at Cherry Street and Patterson Avenue, and intersection improvements at Cherry Street and Oak Grove Avenue. She added the project was advertised in the Daily Events, notice to contractors were sent out, four bids were received, bids were opened on March 5, 2019, and the low bid of \$2,051,509.32 was received from Hamilton and Dad, Inc. Additionally, \$409,155.20 will be reimbursed by City Utilities of Springfield for gas and water improvements, leaving the City’s cost at \$1,642,354.12.

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Appeared

Bob Mondy addressed City Council. Mr. Mondy discussed a potential opportunity from a National TV production company which had expressed interest to him in doing a weekly one-hour production. Mr. Mondy asked City Council for their support and stated he had ten days to follow up with the parties involved in the proposal.

Appeared

Carl Herd addressed City Council. Mr. Herd expressed concerns pertaining to the administration of the Springfield Public Schools in conjunction of the upcoming bond issue for the school district. Mr. Herd also expressed concern pertaining to inappropriate materials being accessed on the school district Chromebooks.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification on the size of the SPS District. Councilman Prater confirmed it is the largest in the State. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion support of the school system is necessary for improvement and additional funding is needed for teachers, equipment, buildings, and supplies. Mr. Herd expressed his opinion versus surrounding communities, SPS ranks at the top in the State for dollars spent per student. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion that information is inaccurate.

Councilman Simpson asked for clarification on SPS focusing on schools in the district with the greatest need for improvement. Councilman Prater responded the SPS Task Force has worked with limited resources to determine the greatest impact they can have on the areas with the most need. Councilman Prater added most of the need was found to be on the north side of the City because it hosts some of the oldest school buildings not only in the City, but in the State.

Appeared

Dr. Norman Ely addressed City Council. Dr. Ely stated the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ranks SPS in the bottom 43 districts out of over 550 districts and expressed his opinion this is a negative for our community when young professionals looking to move to our area see the rankings for education. He expressed his opinion SPS has neglected to keep children safe online and have a poor web-filtering service that Dr. John Jungmann, SPS Superintendent, is responsible for. Dr. Ely expressed his opinion SPS leaders should be held accountable, and City Council and the Community must be aware of the issues.

NEW BUSINESS.**Records
Destruction**

As per RSMo. 109.230 (4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk's office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State's office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Mayor Ken McClure noted he received a request from six City Council members that City Council consider a referral to a hearing examiner referring the following matters regarding Mayor Pro Tem Fisk to a hearing examiner in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 2-60(o)(1), one possible violation of City Code Section 2.60(d)(1), and two possible violations of City Code Section 2-60(d).

Mayor Pro Tem Fisk provided a statement. She loves the City of Springfield, Missouri, feels a responsibility to give back to the Community through public service, and is passionate about serving. Ms. Fisk expressed her opinion serving involves sacrifice and each member of City Council makes personal, business, and family sacrifices for the good of the City. Ms. Fisk stated 66 years ago the Springfield City Charter was designed in part to help insure public servants keep the City's best interest at heart, she takes that responsibility seriously, and it is part of why she ran for City Council. Ms. Fisk stated she sought guidance from the City Attorney on any potential or perceived conflicts of interest that would affect her ability to serve prior to running for City Council, and has always worked to comply with City Charter, local ordinances, and State statutes as a member of City Council.

Ms. Fisk stated a complaint was filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission on allegations of her not complying with City Charter and expressed her opinion the Charter offers little guidance on what to do in this situation. Ms. Fisk expressed her opinion the City has much work to do on the Charter and there are good people committed to that work. Ms. Fisk stated she wants the allegations brought against her clarified, respond to those attacking her and her family, and stand up to the harassment and bullying she is receiving. Ms. Fisk stated her commitment to public service is steadfast and expressed hope this can be used as an opportunity to review the orientation process for new Councilmembers and asked for a citizen-led effort to review the City Charter and make recommendations to City Council about what steps might bring more clarity to those individuals willing to serve the Community as elected officials in the future. Ms. Fisk asked her colleagues to join her in requesting a full review to properly assess the situation and stated she would fully cooperate with any inquiry. Ms. Fisk expressed hope such a process will provide clarity on this current circumstance and future circumstances, and stated she is proud to serve on City Council and looks forward to the opportunity to address this issue and work to make Springfield the great City that it is.

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS.

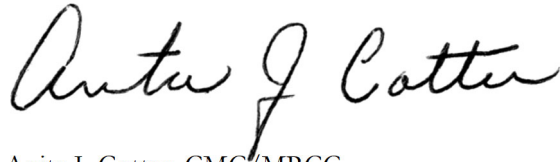
**2320 N. Belcrest
Avenue**

Sponsor. Prater. Council Bill 2019-060. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Ozark Motor Lines Subdivision generally located at 2320 North Belcrest 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. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2019-060. Special Ordinance 27166 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA.
ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anita J. Cotter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anita" and last name "Cotter" clearly legible.

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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