

October 21, 2019
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session October 21, 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: Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Abe McGull, Matthew Simpson, Mike Schilling, Phyllis Ferguson, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.
Minutes	The minutes of the October 7, 2019 City Council Meeting and October 8, 2019 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.
Consent Agenda	No action was taken.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report	Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning & Development provided the City Manager's report in the absence of City Manager Jason Gage.
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Ms. Smith noted Public Works, Springfield Fire, Springfield Police and City Utilities worked overnight, responding to damage caused by the early morning storms. Citizens are encouraged to call 417-864-1010 to report downed trees and report outages to City Utilities at cityutilities.net. As of noon, about 1,900 customers remain without power, but that's down from nearly 9,500. Public Works responded to 51 calls for service to remove trees and debris from roadways and sidewalks which were cleared by 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Smith further noted the Department of Environmental Services manages three drop-off recycling centers that accept leaves, sticks and other yardwaste from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. These services are free to residents of Springfield and Greene County. She added, for more information, citizens could visit springfieldmo.gov.

Ms. Smith noted Representatives from area health and public safety agencies convened an emergency meeting last week to discuss a dramatic spike in drug overdoses in our area. Because Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel are often the first the scene of an overdose, they were the first to spot this alarming spike. Additional information from a working group will be provided in the days and weeks ahead.

Ms. Smith noted the Mayors and public safety officials from four of Missouri's largest cities are working together on a common agenda to make our cities safer from violent crime. She thanked Mayor McClure for hosting the group in Springfield in September and reconvening it on Friday for a strategy session that included Governor Mike Parson. All four Mayors identified gun violence as a top concern related to violent crime. The Mayors agreed to move forward together, and in cooperation with state and federal officials.

Ms. Smith noted Police Chief Paul Williams provided members of Council with the September 2019 Uniform Crime Report.

Ms. Smith noted Mick Cornett, four-term Oklahoma City Mayor and author of the book, *The Next American City*, will be a feature speaker at the October 23 Forward SGF event. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Art Museum and will be livestreamed on the City's Facebook page.

Ms. Smith congratulated Springfield Art Museum Director Nick Nelson, who won the Phoenix Award at the Springfield Regional Arts Council's Ozzie Awards Banquet Saturday night.

Ms. Smith noted between 5,000 and 6,000 St. Louis Blues fans came out in force to welcome the Stanley Cup to Springfield on October 10. Blues officials expressed their belief that Springfield accomplished the most photos of any individual Blues Stanley Cup tour day since the team won the Cup in June.

Mayor McClure noted he was honored to attend the Ozzie Awards to recognize the superb work Director Nick Nelson has done with the Art Museum.

Mayor McClure noted it was an honor to host the mayors of Kansas City, Saint Louis, Columbia, and Governor Parson. He noted each community shared aspects of concern regarding safety. He noted he was saddened to learn of the recent spike in overdoses within our community. Mayor McClure noted the tragedy of overdoses fits well into the conversation that is taking place regarding community safety issues. He added conversations between our respective communities will continue to take place.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills

Short-Term Loan Establishments

Sponsor: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, and Simpson. Council Bill 2019-104. A general ordinance adopting Springfield City Code Chapter 70, 'Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations,' Article XVIII, 'Short-Term Loan Establishments,' to establish regulations for short-term loan establishments, including a permit requirement and registration fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted the payday loan conversation has been an ongoing discussion. She noted as a council the limited actions they may take. She expressed her concern regarding high interest being charged. She noted City Manager Jason Gage is creating a task force lead by Janet Dankert from Community Foundation of the Ozarks to investigate what can be accomplished on a local level to aid citizens in high levels of debt.

Councilman Schilling expressed his support for the proposed and noted the bill puts the issue before voters. He expressed his belief the legislature has been resistant to act on the issue despite other states having success in regulation. He further expressed his concern for the high poverty rate in Springfield and the feeling that the status quo was a license for larceny.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to table Council Bill 2019-104 and Council Bill 2019-104 Substitute 1 until the February 10, 2020 City Council meeting. Councilwoman Fisk seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Ferguson, Fisk, and McClure. Nays: Ollis, Lear, Schilling, and Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning 852
and 906 S
National and
1224 and 1234 E
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Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2019-228. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 2.2 acres of property, generally located at 852 and 906 South National Avenue and 1224 and 1234 East Page Street, from R-HD, High-Density Multifamily Residential District and R-SF, Single-Family Residential District within Urban Conservation District No. 2, Areas A and D, to Planned Development No. 372; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: Board of Missouri General Baptist Association and Wenping Qui Etal; 852 & 906 South National Avenue and 1224 & 1234 E. Page Street; Planned Development No. 372.)

Council Bill 2019-228. General Ordinance 6550 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Kansas &
Kearney CID**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-229. A special ordinance approving a Petition to Re-establish the Kansas and Kearney Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City, the District, and the Kansas & Kearney Intersection Center, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Greene County Clerk of the creation of the District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2019-229. Special Ordinance 27244 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning 833,
911, and 921 East
Division and
1500 Block of
North Sherman
Avenue and 824
and 826 East
Locust**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-230. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 3 acres of property, generally located at 833, 911, and 921 East Division Street, the 1500 Block of North Sherman Avenue, and 824 and 826 East Locust Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential, R-TH, Residential Townhouse, and LB, Limited Business to GI, Government and Institutional Use District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Springfield Public Schools; 833, 911 & 921 East Division Street, 1500 Block of North Sherman Avenue & 824, 826 East Locust Street; Z-20-2019.)

Council Bill 2019-230. General Ordinance 6551 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Conditional Use Permit 439 - 2675 South Jefferson Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2019-231. A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 439 for the purpose of reducing the front yard setback for structures built within the R-LD, Low-density Multifamily Residential District, generally located at 2675 South Jefferson Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission Commission both recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2019-231. Special Ordinance 27245 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Master Lease Purchase Agreement Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2019-232. A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to enter into a Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement and related Schedule or Schedules of Equipment, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of acquiring equipment for the City, to do all things necessary to carry out the lease-purchase transaction, including the execution of certain documents in connection therewith; and amending the budget of the City for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$517,250.

Council Bill 2019-232. Special Ordinance 27246 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Salary Ordinance Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2019-233. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' for the purpose of adding four new job titles to the Crafts, Trades and Labor salary schedule and two new job titles to the Professional, Administrative and Technical salary schedules and adding one additional full time equivalent position for the new job title of Airport Custodian; and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget of the Airport Board, to adjust the authorized employee positions.

Council Bill 2019-233. General Ordinance 6552 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions

Sexual Assault Task Force Extension Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-236. A resolution extending the term of the Sexual Assault Task Force until November 30, 2019.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the original task force scope of work was to sunset for August 31 but was extended to October 31. She noted the resolution would extend the task force sunset once again to allow the Task Force to provide their recommendations which has been scheduled for November 12, 2019.

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

Council Bill 2019-236. Resolution 10480 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Galloway Redevelopment

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2019-237. A resolution accepting Staff's recommendations regarding the Galloway Redevelopment Area and directing staff to utilize said recommendations when evaluating proposed development in the policy area. (Staff recommends support.)

Olivia Hough, Senior City Planner provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Hough provided background on the timeline concerning Council Resolution 10408 that provided a 270-day administrative delay on rezonings and lot combinations. Ms. Hough discussed the report containing the common themes from public engagement meetings, including preservation of natural amenities, atmosphere, and topography. She noted if adopted staff will use the report to review development proposals and recommend conditional overlay districts. Ms. Hough noted Planning and Zoning Commission rules and procedures required five votes to approve or deny a policy. If after the third vote there are still not five affirmative votes, the item proceeds to Council as a denial. She noted Planning and Zoning Commission did not receive five affirmative votes during the three consecutive meetings, therefore the proposed is coming forward with a recommendation of denial from Planning and Zoning Commission. City Staff however is recommending approval.

Mayor McClure asked Ms. Hough if there are nine members of Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Hough answered affirmatively. Mayor McClure asked if there were ever nine members present at any of the three meetings. Ms. Hough noted there were not.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification regarding limiting uses for specific retail. Ms. Hough noted the recommended conditional overlay district would come forward to Council and staff would provide a recommendation, such as limiting fast-food establishments in the area. Councilman Ollis asked if voting for the resolution would limit developmental uses. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development responded the proposed will serve as a policy document. Councilman Ollis asked if the list of establishments prohibited from development in the zone was comprehensive. Ms. Hough noted the area is still zoned primarily as single family, so if someone requested the use of retail space within the single-family zone, staff would refer to this policy document. Councilman Ollis asked if the establishment is not on the list provided, would it qualify for development. Ms. Smith answered affirmatively. Councilman Ollis asked if the lots on Battlefield and Loan Pine were included or excluded. Ms. Hough noted the version before City Council includes Battlefield and Loan Pine.

Mayor McClure noted Planning and Zoning Commission voted 8-0 on the amended proposal but failed to have an affirmative five votes to send the recommendation to Council.

Councilman Ollis discussed the ongoing comprehensive planning process, Forward SGF, and asked what impact City Council would have by passing the resolution. He

further questioned what would prevent other neighborhoods from coming forward with their own plans before the comprehensive planning was finished. Ms. Hough noted the issue was tasked to staff before the start of the comprehensive planning process was started. Councilman Ollis asked if other neighborhoods would be coming forward with their own plans before the comprehensive plan is finished. Ms. Smith noted she did not believe so and had this issue come before Council after the comprehensive plan started, she would have recommended Council not proceed with tasking staff to create this policy document.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted manufacturing on the south side of Loan Pine has been part of Galloway village for many decades and is glad to see the plan addressing the protection of that livelihood. She noted as SGF Forward continues she is hopeful that staff will be able to put something together to truly address all neighborhoods.

Councilman Lear asked if the entire document is an ordinance or a policy. Ms. Hough noted it is a policy. Councilman Lear asked for clarification if the items presented before Council, like the Galloway redevelopment, would be analyzed using this policy, and if it works in conjunction with the ongoing comprehensive plan. Ms. Hough answered affirmatively.

Councilman Simpson asked if a substitute bill could contain the recommended amendment that Planning and Zoning Commission approved. Ms. Hough answered affirmatively. Councilman Simpson asked if the process for a substitute would require the document go back to Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. Ms. Smith noted it would not, but it would have to layover.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the recommendation from staff was to keep the south and southeast corners of Battlefield and Lone Pine included. Ms. Hough answered affirmatively. Councilman Hosmer asked if that is also what the neighborhood wanted. Ms. Hough noted the neighborhood agreed.

Councilman Hosmer noted the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission is essentially a nullity since they did not pass the amended policy procedurally. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney noted procedurally it was a denial as far as carving the corner out because Planning and Zoning Commission approved the motion but did not approve sending the policy forward to City Council.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Marcie Kirkup, President of the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Kirkup acknowledged and thanked the work done for city staff. She noted the association is not anti-development and the association's preference would have been to adopt an overarching conditional overlay district. She noted the recommendations of city staff will help adjust some inequities so the intended spirit of city codes are applied and honored for the area. Ms. Kirkup requested on behalf of the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association, City Council approve staff recommendations as a first step in protecting the distinctive character of the neighborhood.

Britton Jobe spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Jobe expressed his disappointment in how the recommendation for denial from Planning and Zoning Commission was portrayed and offered clarity on the subject. He expressed his opinion the vote was not a procedural denial, but a substantive denial.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the significance between a procedural and substantive denial was. Mr. Jobe noted it reflects the hours spent debating and listening to evidence rather than a reflection of members failing to show up for a vote. Councilman Hosmer noted regardless, the vote would come to City Council. Mr. Jobe agreed and noted his appearance before Council was to provide clarity. Councilman Hosmer noted councilmembers were provide a brief of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and were aware of the vote. Mr. Jobe expressed his belief citizens would not be aware of that distinction since they mainly look at the City Council Agenda and it was not noted.

Mayor McClure noted the public does have access to all the meeting minutes and agendas. Mr. Jobe expressed his belief of the importance of consistency on listing Planning and Zoning Commission results on City Council agenda.

Councilman Simpson expressed his belief of the importance of hearing from young professionals like Mr. Jobe. He asked if there were elements of the proposal that are overly restrictive to development. Mr. Jobe noted he felt the recommendations were arbitrary as they did not have specific design guidelines regarding village character. He also expressed his belief the discouragement of mixed-use and medium density areas is a problem for many young professionals. Councilman Simpson asked if providing general guidelines is more restrictive than providing specific guidelines. Mr. Jobe expressed his belief it would be less predictable for developers and residents.

Councilman Schilling expressed concern pertaining to attendance with Planning and Zoning Commission members. Mr. Jobe agreed and reiterated the distinction between a procedural denial and a substantive denial vote.

There being no further appearances the public hearing was declared closed.

Councilwoman Fisk noted she was a member of Council when the vote for blight took place. She recalled driving by the area and seeing a concrete foundation with weeds growing around it, located in a prominent section of the parkway. She further noted since the vote for blight, the area has added attractive upscale housing, restaurants, and retail shops among many other assets. She expressed her hesitancy to interrupt the developmental progress of the area and would like the individual projects to go before Planning and Zoning Commission as well as City Council to be reviewed. She noted she is not against the recommendations but believes there is a more appropriate format moving forward.

Councilman Lear discussed the time staff and community members spent creating the policy. He expressed his opinion members of the community will still go before Planning and Zoning Commission and Council for review, and the recommended policy provides

guidelines councilmembers will need to consider. He expressed his support for further development of Galloway and expressed his support of the proposed.

Councilman Ollis expressed his belief Galloway is special, noting its attractiveness for development. He expressed his belief the comprehensive plan will look at a way forward for the entire community, including Galloway and therefore would not be supporting the proposed.

Councilman McGull noted he met with citizens living in Galloway and expressed his belief the policy is a good start, as well as a good compromise, between citizens and the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her support of the proposed. She noted the time staff and community members took in developing the policy.

Councilman Simpson expressed his support of the proposed. He expressed his opinion that Galloway is an attractive area of development for young professionals.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support of the proposed. He praised the City and Galloway working together to develop a plan moving forward with development. He expressed his belief maintaining a sense of place by preventing distracting businesses from developing within the zoned area is important.

Mayor McClure expressed his support of the proposed. He thanked staff and stakeholders for the time they dedicated to develop the plan.

Council Bill 2019-237. Resolution 10481 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: Ollis and Fisk. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants

Department of Justice Grant

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2019-238. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant; amending the budget of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$500,000.00; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval after one reading.

Clay Goddard, Director of Public Health and Welfare provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed would allow for two victim advocates to be hired for the Victim Center and Harmony House under the Springfield Police Department.

Councilman Simpson asked about plans regarding the sustainability of the new hired positions. Paul Williams, Chief of Police noted the intent moving forward is to preserve those positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson thanked Chief Williams and the collaboration with staff in putting the grant together.

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

Councilman McGull noted based on his employment with the Department of Justice he would be abstaining from voting on the proposed.

Council Bill 2019-238. Special Ordinance 27247 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: McGull.

AMENDED BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Council Bills for Public Hearing

East Saint Louis Street Blight

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2019-239. A special ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan submitted by the STL 505 Redevelopment Corporation for the redevelopment of an area generally located at 501 through 517 East Saint Louis Street; declaring the area in such plan to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, morals, and welfare; authorizing certain tax abatement within the plan area; and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Redevelopment Corporation relating to the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Kerner highlighted key elements of the redevelopment plan such as the blight report, redevelopment plan, and tax impact analysis. She noted the redevelopment plan conforms to the Springfield-Greene County Comprehensive Plan. The plan includes the demolition and consolidation of parcels in order to construct new five-story student housing development with a 171-space parking garage in the basement. She noted the developer requested abatement for fifteen years.

Councilman McGull noted the facility has five-hundred and twenty-six beds with one-hundred and seventy-one parking spaces and expressed his concern with parking scarcity downtown. He asked if there were ongoing discussions to improve the number of parking spots under the proposal. Ms. Kerner noted there were several discussions that brought the number from zero parking spaces to the current level, but she would defer to the developer regarding the discussion to increase the total.

Councilman Simpson asked if walkability was being considered as a component of the comprehensive plan. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development noted the

Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan would include a specific Center City Plan element and anticipates parking will be a part of that.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification regarding a slide noting the applicants' projections were not entirely supported by current market data. Ms. Kerner noted different models can project varying results which can change calculations regarding the length of abatement.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Shelli Ulmer spoke in support of the proposed. She noted her appearance before Council was to make herself available for any questions as she was an architect on the project.

Councilman Ollis asked if there were any other units available for non-students. Ms. Ulmer noted the developer is gearing the units toward students due to the proximity of higher-education institutions but may include non-student units later.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted the decrease in student enrollment around May and inquired about the length of leases. Ms. Ulmer noted the question could be better answered by the developer.

Councilman Lear asked if there were any other opportunities for retail development on the first floor. Ms. Ulmer noted the plans have it left as an open spot for future development.

Steve Papa, Co-Developer with College Town International spoke in support of the proposed. He discussed the significant time spent meeting with various groups in developing the proposal. He expressed his belief the area for development does not require parking be included, however, it is something that needs addressed. He noted discussions are ongoing to secure the shortage of parking to not be at a competitive disadvantage in renting units. He expressed confidence that the needed parking will be acquired.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification regarding the length of the leases and summertime student enrollment drops. Mr. Papa noted they paid for a third-party market study that showed a need for young professional housing. He noted the studio apartments are geared toward the young professional demographic with twelve-month leases.

Councilman McGull reiterated the need for parking downtown and his support for proposals containing adequate parking. Mr. Papa praised the downtown connectivity to the university and other amenities regarding the busing system. He noted despite students who lack transportation having access to other means, their intent remains to have adequate parking for every unit rented.

Councilwoman Fisk asked if the rental rates have been established. Mr. Papa noted a figure has been produced after a marketplace study was conducted.

Mayor McClure noted in 1921 the University Club placed a plaque on the west wall recognizing the first classical academy in southwest Missouri. He stated he was aware of the plaque in 2007 when the facility was razed, but was unable to recall if the plaque has been successfully removed at that time. He requested the plaque be returned to Missouri State University if it is still present. Mr. Papa noted the plaque has already been removed and they intend to have it restored and placed on the St. Louis side of the building as a historical marker.

Lonnie Funk spoke in opposition to the proposed. He spoke on behalf of the owners of Beacon Student Housing among other properties. He expressed his belief economic conditions are not the same as they were a decade ago, making a twenty-five-year abatement seem unnecessary. He continued, developers received abatements for ten years under harder economic conditions a decade ago, and therefor believes a fair compromise would be to offer the same to current applicants for abatements.

Rusty Worley, Executive Director of the Downtown Springfield Association spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Worley discussed the vast development within the corridor over the past several years. He noted during conversations with the developer they emphasized the importance of acquiring additional parking.

Tim Roth, President of the Greater Springfield Apartment and Housing Association spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Roth noted his concern with passing the measure without knowing the specific ratio of parking spaces to occupied beds.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarity regarding the number of beds Mr. Roth represents. Mr. Roth noted the agency represents approximately ten-thousand units, not beds. She asked how many private parking spaces are provided. Mr. Roth noted it is dependent on the zoning in which the units reside. She asked if there must be an equal number of spaces per unit. Mr. Roth noted they try to have at least one parking space per unit and has purchased a parking garage at his own expense.

Shawn Whitney spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Whitney noted the development project is eligible for a ten-year tax abatement with zero parking spaces provided. He expressed his opinion the developers have gone above the requirements to add underground parking as well as potential off-sight parking.

Councilwoman Fisk expressed her opinion many young professionals either do not own a car or choose not to drive. She added alternative transportation methods have changed the mobility options available to young professionals and therefor sees the parking ratio issue in a different context.

There being no further appearances the public hearing was declared closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills

**Agreement with
Traffic
Technology
Services for
Connected
Vehicle
Applications**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2019-240. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Traffic Technology Services, Inc., for the purpose of sharing the City's real time traffic management data to provide traffic signal information to vehicle manufacturers for "Connected Vehicle" applications.

Tom Dancey, Traffic Engineer provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dancey discussed the advancement in technology present in vehicles. He noted the proposal allows vehicles to connect to existing central traffic signal system. He added MODOT has executed a similar agreement statewide for all their traffic signals.

Councilman McGull asked about protection of data being exploited. Mr. Dancey noted the only information that would be provided is information in the traffic system, such as program operations, current status of active stoplight color, or if a vehicle is detected as being present. The data acquired would not be personally identifiable.

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

**Intergovernment
Agreement for
Pictometry**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2019-241. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into revised intergovernmental cooperative agreements with City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, Christian and Greene counties in Missouri, the cities of Nixa, Ozark and Republic, Missouri, and the Ozarks Transportation Organization to complete the second flight project authorized in contract 2017-1804 with Pictometry International Corporation for the cooperative purchase of oblique and orthogonal imagery to be used with each entity's Geographic Information System; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$293,788.43 for contributions from the City's partners based on the revised intergovernmental cooperative agreements.

Nathan Huggins, GIS and Asset Systems Manager provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Huggins noted this bill enables the City to fund the final flight on an existing contract to purchase aerial imagery from Pictometry International Corporation. The flight will capture imagery covering the entire area of both Greene and Christian County. Once delivered the imagery will be integrated throughout the City's GIS system as well as public facing webmaps. Mr. Huggins noted up to date imagery is a critical component of public safety, effective emergency response, economic development, as well as several of the city's day to day operations. He further noted this aerial flight is funded through a cost share between the City of Springfield, the Cities of Nixa, Ozark, Republic, Greene and Christian County, as well as City Utilities and the Ozark Transportation Organization.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the State of Missouri participates. Mr. Huggins noted the state does not.

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

Mayor McClure noted due to pending deadlines, Council Bill 2019-241 will be voted on at the October 29, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.

**Agreement with
the Federal
Bureau of
Investigation for
Career Criminal
Task Force**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2019-242. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the Springfield Police Department to participate in the Career Criminal Task Force; and amending the budget of the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$74,596.00.

Paul Williams, Chief of Police provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted the FBI approached him regarding the proposal. He explained the budget adjustment provides overtime pay for four city detectives to work cases the FBI may adopt on the federal level.

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

**The following item appeared under Petitions, Remonstrances, and
Communications**

Appeared

Ms. Marcy Bunch wished to address City Council. Ms. Bunch noted city ordinances and codes do not require a home be habitable; the language is concerned with safety. Ms. Bunch noted the prevalence of neglected homes in Springfield and requested councilmembers find ways to address the ordinance language.

Councilman Ollis asked if the home Ms. Bunch referenced is in current violation of city codes and ordinances. Ms. Bunch noted under the current language of the ordinances, the home is not in violation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted a tarp of any color may be used as a roof cover under the ordinance language. Ms. Bunch noted the example as a safety issue but does not address habitableness of the home.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification regarding the location of the home. Ms. Bunch noted the address is 2302 West Bodeb Street.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

**Motion to
Adjourn**

Councilman McGull moved to Adjourn. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by
Johnathan Saunders


Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk