

November 4, 2019
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session November 4, 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: Andrew Lear, Abe McGull, Matthew Simpson, Mike Schilling, Phyllis Ferguson, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.

Minutes The minutes of October 21, 2019 City Council Meeting and October 29, 2019 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Jason Gage, City Manager noted the mayors of the Missouri's four largest cities met Friday in Columbia to continue discussions regarding violent crime in the state. Mayor McClure is chairing the effort, which also includes Columbia Mayor Brian Treece, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas and St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson. Mr. Gage noted Police chiefs and representatives from the business sector from each city also met. The meeting of the mayors was the third in recent weeks to present a united voice in reducing violence across the state.

Mr. Gage noted Clay Goddard, Director of Public Health and Welfare has convened a working group to address the various domains affected by the recent spike in drug overdoses. The working group is comprised of governmental departments, health care providers and community stakeholders. He noted the group will develop a plan moving forward.

Mr. Gage noted Police Chief Paul Williams provided copies of the Quarterly Public Safety Report. A new program called SPD in PE is featured in the report.

Mr. Gage noted statistics from this year's Fire Prevention Month:

- 97 SFD personnel served as Fire Educators in our schools.
- Total of 11,122 students and teachers reached.
- Total of 901 classroom presentations.
- 43 Schools: 35 public schools, 7 private schools and 1 homeschool network
- 3 adjoining Fire Protection Districts partnered with SFD, utilizing our lesson plans and content to serve SPS schools in their districts: Battlefield, Ebenezer and Strafford.
- In addition to Battlefield and Ebenezer, the SFD shared our lesson plans with Logan-Rogersville, Cassville and Mansfield Fire Protection Districts so that they could better serve their students.

Mr. Gage thanked Dr. John Jungmann, Carole Embree and Jay Anderson for their collaboration and partnership that allowed the SFD to provide age-appropriate fire safety information and education to reduce the risk from fire in their everyday life.

Mr. Gage noted Springfield Fire hosted their third annual Truck-or-Treat event at Ewing Park, serving nearly 700 neighbors.

Mr. Gage also reminded councilmembers on November 5, Springfield two measures will be coming before voters: the police-fire pension sales tax and the 1/8-cent transportation sales tax. He added for more information citizens can visit springfieldmo.gov/election.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills

Declaration of Necessary Condemnation and Permanent Easements

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2019-219. A special ordinance declaring the necessity of condemning construction and permanent easements over, under, and through the following properties generally located near 340 South Patterson Avenue and west of East Horning Street, south of Elmwood Avenue in the City of Springfield, Missouri; and authorizing certain officers, or their designees, to do all things necessary to carry out the terms of this Ordinance for the purpose of completing the Beechwood Heights Storm Water Project-Phase I: East Walnut Street Project #2015PW0091WTE funded through the 1/4-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Mayor McClure noted public hearing occurred on October 7, at which time the measure was tabled.

Councilman McGull explained why he previously tabled the bill. He noted both parties had an opportunity to discuss the condemnation and progress was made. He further suggested if negotiations need to continue, they may, however, it is his belief it is time for Council to move forward with a vote.

Council Bill 2019-219. Special Ordinance 27249 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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.)

Councilman Schilling requested the dollar amount regarding the payment in lieu of taxes. He also asked what the total amount of the abatement would be over time, as well as an update on parking.

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development provided a brief recap of the project and tax impact analysis. She noted a positive economic impact if redevelopment were to occur. She noted the developer came to an agreement with Hill City Church to provide additional parking for residents.

Steve Papa, Developer, addressed the agreement in principal with Hill City Church. He noted the logistics have not been fully worked out, but it is his belief their will ultimately be a bed-parking parity.

Councilman McGull asked for the total number of beds. Mr. Papa noted the current number of beds is 526 with approximately 370 parking spaces.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked about accessibility of the proposed church parking for congregation members on service days. Mr. Papa noted the parking is accessible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Councilman Hosmer asked if their vote was contingent on bed-parking parity being achieved. Ms. Kerner noted that an agreement in principal is being worked on, however, the redevelopment plan does not require that parking be required. She added if the developer were to not offer parking after City Council voted to approve the abatement, there would not be a mechanism to rescind the abatement.

Councilman Lear asked what enforcement capabilities exist regarding holding the developer accountable to the proposal after the abatement has been acquired. Ms. Kerner noted the developer must conform to the items listed in the agreement, but additional parking, outside of the underground parking garage, is not one of those items.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the appraisal supported the but-for consideration. Ms. Kerner noted no new information has been received. She added it was staff's belief there were strong public benefit considerations for redevelopment.

Councilman Ollis asked how long the location has been labeled as a blighted area. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development expressed her belief the area has been blighted approximately twenty years. Councilman Ollis expressed his support for the bill, noting the fifty-million-dollar project would end two decades of blight.

Mayor McClure asked what incentives were offered to other developers in the area. Ms. Kerner noted they received Chapter 99 property-tax abatements. He asked how those incentives compare to what is being offered under this proposal. She explained a ten-year abatement would amount to one-million dollars less in value to the developer.

Councilman McGull expressed his initial concern with parking, but noted his support for the bill since the developer made efforts to obtain additional parking spaces.

Councilman Simpson expressed his support for the bill, noting his belief the project would improve a key area within the corridor. He further noted the walkability aspect of the project ties in with City Council's Walkability Vision Statement.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his opposition to the bill, noting his belief that additional housing in concentrated areas will lead to lower occupancy rates, as those existing units are already not at full capacity. He noted there is a finite number of tenants available.

Council Bill 2019-239. Special Ordinance 27250 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2019-240. Special Ordinance 27251 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2019-242. Special Ordinance 27252 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions

**Adoption of
Springfield's
Legislative
Priorities**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-243. A resolution adopting the City of Springfield's Legislative Priorities for 2020.

Jason Gage, City Manager provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted general priorities include retaining local control, avoiding unfunded mandates, promotion of public safety, economic vitality, fiscal sustainability, and quality of place. In addition, he highlighted taking on issues including internet sales tax, hotel-motel tax, statewide prescription drug monitoring program, payday loans, municipal court violations and warrants, chronic nuisance property violations, building statutes, and clean energy.

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

Councilman Lear noted he asked staff to include in the list of priorities support for the Missouri Non-Discrimination Act, however, upon reflection, it is his belief it would not receive a fair hearing this legislative session and therefor dropped the request. He

expressed his support for the legislative priorities provided and noted his support for the bill.

Council Bill 2019-243. Resolution 10482 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mobility Study Tour

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-244. A resolution authorizing Councilman Richard Ollis to participate in a mobility study tour hosted by LaneShift, LLC, in New York City from March 10, 2020, through March 13, 2020.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted Councilman Ollis' participation would allow him to further study bike friendly real estate development, safe, comfortable and connected mobility infrastructure, and inclusive mobility culture.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if there was enough money in the budget. Anita Cotter, City Clerk said she would research the budget and provide that information at a later date.

Jason Gage, City Manager noted it would not be an issue to procure the funding should the need arise. He further noted his role is to assist councilmembers in partaking in activities that benefit the city.

Councilman Ollis noted he would abstain from voting.

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

Council Bill 2019-244. Resolution 10483 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Ollis.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills

**Springfield Police
Foundation Grant**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2019-245. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds from the Springfield Police Foundation totaling \$75,628.86, to fund the purchase of Photogrammetry/Mapping Software for the Traffic Section Drone, Rifle Rated Ballistic Shields, a K9 Camera System, a Long-Range Acoustic Device, and Major Crime Investigator Camera Packages; and amending the budget for the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$75,628.86.

Paul Williams, Chief of Police provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted they requested five items in the grant proposal to the Springfield Police Foundation. He further noted the requests have been approved by the Springfield Police Foundation, but they need City Council approval to accept the grant.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

James Radke spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Radke noted his preference for funding to be directed at technology that protects all citizens. He expressed his belief that some equipment militarizes the police, to which he is opposed. He further expressed his desire to see greater access to video footage from police body cameras in the future.

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

**Community
Partnership of the
Ozarks Grant**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2019-246. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00, from Community Partnership of the Ozarks for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Springfield Police Department for participating in the Mental Health First Aid Program and amending the budget for the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Paul Williams, Chief of Police provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted Community Partnership of the Ozarks conducted training for mental health and asked the police to partner with them. He noted the grant reimburses the City for the hours police put into the training and presentations.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for more information about the Mental Health First Aid Program. Chief Williams noted the program was eight hours of training for anyone in the city who wanted to learn more about mental health and illness and available services.

Councilman Simpson requested Chief Williams provide upcoming training schedules so councilmembers can update the community about opportunities to get involved. He asked if there was a cost to community members. Chief Williams noted there was not. Councilman Simpson asked if the Police Department works with community organizations or businesses like Burrell Behavioral Health. Chief Williams answered affirmatively.

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

Internal Audit Services

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2019-247. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with BKD, LLP, for the purpose of providing internal audit services for one year at a cost of \$77,586, with the option of up to four additional one-year terms.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted five proposals were received and evaluated by the Evaluation Committee, with the top three firms being selected to provide presentations to the Finance and Administration Committee. BKD, LLP was ultimately chosen.

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

Building Code Changes

Council Bill 2019-248-258 were read and considered simultaneously.

Administration and Enforcement of Codes

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-248. A general ordinance amending Article I. – ‘Administration and Enforcement of Codes’ of Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Building Trades Examination and Certification Board

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-249. A general ordinance amending the City of Springfield Land Development Code, Article IV, ‘Building Trades, Appeals, and Licensing,’ to clarify existing language, delete unnecessary language, and amend certain language by repealing Article IV in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article IV, ‘Building Trades Examination and Certification Board.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Building Code

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-250. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the Land Development Code, by repealing Article V, ‘Building Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article V, ‘Building Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Electrical Code

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-251. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article VI, ‘Electrical Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article VI, ‘Electrical Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

International Property Maintenance Code

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-252. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article VII, ‘International Property Maintenance Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting a new Article VII, ‘International Property Maintenance Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Plumbing Code	Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-253. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article VIII, ‘Plumbing Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article VIII, ‘Plumbing Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)
Mechanical Code	Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-254. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article IX, ‘Mechanical Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article IX, ‘Mechanical Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)
Fuel Gas Code	Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-255. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article XIV, ‘Fuel Gas Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article XIV, ‘Fuel Gas Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)
Private Sewage Disposal Code	Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-256. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article XV, ‘Private Sewage Disposal Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article XV, ‘Private Sewage Disposal Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)
Existing Building Code	Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-257. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the Land Development Code, by repealing Article XVI, ‘Existing Building Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article XVI, ‘Existing Building Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)
Swimming Pool and Spa Code	Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-258. A general ordinance adopting the 2018 Swimming Pool and Spa Code as Article XVIII of Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services provided a brief overview of Council Bills 2019-248 through 258. Mr. Hill noted the proposed bills predominantly address jurisdictional scoping items. He noted his department worked closely with interested parties to tailor to their amendment requests.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed bills have been worked on by staff for quite some time. He noted the extensive discussions in Plans and Policies Committee concerning various codes. He thanked both city staff and the Plans and Policies Committee for their hard work and diligence.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Stephanie Stenger spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Stenger noted as a developer, builder, and community member she believes she has a unique perspective on the proposed changes and the impact they may have on the community. She expressed her gratitude for the work Councilman Ollis did in bringing various parties together to discuss the changes. She noted the Community Focus Report from 2002 listed affordable housing as a red-flag issue, which is still being listed in the most current report. She expressed her support for the code changes, but encouraged councilmembers to continue looking at ways to make housing more affordable.

Councilman Hosmer asked if Ms. Stenger believed affordable housing includes owners having the ability to pay their utility bills. Ms. Stenger answered affirmatively. He asked if she reviewed the environmental, residential, and conservation provisions. Ms. Stenger answered affirmatively and noted that with each additional code it becomes harder to provide affordable housing.

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

Energy Code Adoption

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, Hosmer, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-259. A general ordinance adopting the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code as Article XIX of Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the Land Development Code; declaring the intent of the currently constituted City Council to adopt the 2018 or 2021 International Energy Conservation Code to take effect on January 1, 2023; and instructing City staff to solicit input from stakeholders about whether minor amendments to the 2018 or 2021 Code should be adopted prior to such Code's adoption and to present a report regarding the input and staff's recommendations to City Council. (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hill noted minor changes to the code include raising the BTU threshold to prevent sprinkler systems from freezing.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Richard Quint, Owner of Q & Company LLC spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Quint expressed his belief that the full adoption of the 2018 Energy Code would lead to the loss of builders, manufactures, high-paying jobs, and home owners that would move to other communities. He further expressed the need to remain a competitive place to build.

Megan Short, Executive Director of the Springfield Contractors Association spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Short noted the difference between states can make discussing codes complex, as Missouri is not California and vice versa. She thanked Councilman Ollis for the work he and staff put into discussing the code changes.

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

Residential Building Code

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-260. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36, Article XIII of the Springfield City Code, known as the Land Development Code, by repealing Article XIII, 'Residential Building Code,' in its entirety, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Article XIII, 'Residential Building Code,' amending Chapter 36, Article XIII, Section 36-1302, 'Deletions, modifications, amendments, and additions, Section N1102 (R402) 'Building Thermal Envelope,' by repealing said section in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section N1102 to take effect on July 1, 2021; declaring the intent of the currently constituted City Council to adopt the 2018 or 2021 International Residential Building Code to become effective on January 1, 2022; and instructing City staff to solicit input from stakeholders about whether minor amendments to the 2018 or 2021 Code should be adopted prior to such Code's adoption and to present a report regarding the input and staff's recommendations to City Council. (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hill noted most of the changes were jurisdictional scope and house keeping related items.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the changes are to the energy conservation section. Mr. Hill noted the proposal would adopt the 2018 Residential Code with the insertion of the Home Builders Association proposal regarding energy tables for insulation, along with the Department of Building Development Service proposed scenario upgrades.

Councilman Hosmer asked if Mr. Hill meet with the development community when the Building Development Services proposal was. Mr. Hill responded affirmatively, noting the goal was to meet an equitable balance between full adoption and the development community proposal. Mr. Hill further noted the proposal is to initially begin with the developer's proposal and faze into the Building Development Service proposal.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief that it is difficult to balance the interests between the development community and homeowners. He noted the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance conducted a study that showed net savings upon weatherizing homes. He expressed his concern with the proposals lack of blower door testing, noting his belief that without the blower door test, quality of air tracking is more difficult, and mold may increase in presence within the home.

Councilman Ollis noted the phased-in approach, under scenario 3 and 4, allows for a blower door test.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jason Bekebrade, President of Home Builders Association of Springfield spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Bekebrade expressed his belief the staged approach is the most effective since it gives all involved time to learn how to build most efficiently.

Councilman Hosmer asked if Mr. Bekebrade has built using the 2018 Energy Code. Mr. Bekebrade answered affirmatively. He asked which jurisdictions Mr. Bekebrade has built. Mr. Bekebrade noted it was in Springfield. He asked if the blower door test was helpful. Mr. Bekebrade answered affirmatively. He asked if he was against the energy code proposal. Mr. Bekebrade noted his approval for the energy code under a phased-in approach.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if Mr. Bekebrade had a rough estimate of what the additional cost was to build using the 2018 Energy Code. Mr. Bekebrade did not have immediate figures.

Louise Wienckowski, Sierra Club Representative spoke in opposition of the proposed. She noted the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance data shows energy savings to consumers which can reduce foreclosures. She expressed her belief the amendments are a step backwards as they would eliminate educational portions as well as energy efficiency standards.

Rusty Machlachlan, Home Builders Association Board Member of the spoke in support of the proposed. He noted an affordable home built by Habitat for Humanity using the 2006 Energy Codes would cost roughly \$112,000, whereas twenty years ago it would cost \$60,000. He suggested moving with caution on full implementation as it could create more permanent renter-status individuals since they'd be forced out of the market place due to homes no longer being built as affordable.

Councilman Hosmer asked if Mr. Machlachlan agreed the higher utility rates are a driving force toward poverty. Mr. Machlachlan responded affirmatively, reiterating his belief full implementation would increase building costs.

Myra Scroggs spoke in opposition of the proposed. She expressed her belief the increased building costs are outweighed by the energy savings and environmental benefits.

John Marion spoke in support of the proposed. He noted his personal use of energy conservation methods while building homes and supports educating home owners. He stressed using caution regarding full implementation due to high costs.

Kane Sheek, Sierra Club Representative spoke in opposition of the proposed. He expressed his belief updating building codes could reduce greenhouse gases. He noted St. Louis and Columbia have updated their codes unamended and encouraged councilmembers to do the same.

Ryan Green spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief banks do not take into consideration the utility costs when making out the loan for the home. He also noted he uses foam in the homes he builds.

Jim Meadows spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Meadows noted every dollar matters when purchasing your first home. He expressed his belief that an aggressive adoption of the codes will force buyers outside the city limits.

Jeremy Grisham, Owner of SS&B Heating and Cooling spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief that making builders create tight homes and the HVAC contractors do not have a chance to get properly trained, it could be a disaster. He encouraged councilmembers to use a phased-in approach to code changes.

Councilman Hosmer asked if a home is built too tight would there be problems. Mr. Grisham answered affirmatively. He asked if the way to determine potential issues is through a blower door test. Mr. Grisham answered affirmatively. He asked if this modification would include a blower door test. Mr. Grisham expressed he was unsure what the exact requirements are.

Rachel Smith, student at Missouri State University spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Smith expressed difficulties finding affordable housing as a college student as well as strenuous utility bills. She expressed her belief many in her position are not struggling due to a lack of financial awareness and encouraged councilmembers to adopt newer energy codes.

Vicke Kepling, Springfield NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Chair spoke in opposition of the proposed. She noted buildings may have long lives and are not easily retrofitted for energy renovations. She expressed her opinion that building efficiency measures should be taken during construction. She expressed her belief that it will be low-income individuals and minorities who will be most impacted by poor energy efficiency standards.

Justin Skiles spoke in opposition of the proposed. He expressed his concern that there is a community misunderstanding regarding what new home construction entails. He noted the standard is constructing under the 2006 Building Codes, but they are using 2012 Energy Codes. He further noted he has been able to lower energy rates by simply remodeling.

Councilman Hosmer noted remodeling a home would not need to utilize the 2018 Energy Code. Mr. Skiles agreed and noted that tearing down a home and rebuilding it would have to utilize the 2018 Energy Code though.

Mike Chiles spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Chiles expressed his belief that utilizing the blower door test is a cheap form of insurance. He further expressed his belief that Ozarks Technical College would be able to quickly train blower door technicians. He highlighted one method to reduce housing costs is to change the zoning to allow the development of auxiliary housing units on large lots.

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

Show Me PACE

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, Hosmer, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-261. A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to join the commercial component of the Show Me Property Assessment Clean Energy District created pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835, known as the "Property Assessment Clean Energy Act;" stating the City's intent to participate in the

commercial component of the “Property Assessed Clean Energy” Program as a member of such District; requesting appointment to the District’s Advisory Board; disclaiming any need for appropriation; and directing the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Directors of the District. (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted in 2010 legislation was passed in Missouri that allows political subdivisions to establish their own clean energy boards for the purpose of establishing PACE programs. He noted this proposal would only apply to commercial properties, not residential.

Councilman Schilling asked if lending programs would go through the property tax attachment with the County Collector. Mr. Kemper noted the state statute that authorizes PACE suggests the County Collector is empowered, however, Show Me PACE plans to use a third-party.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Josh Campbell, Executive Director of the Missouri Energy Initiative spoke in support of the proposed. He noted since 2013 the Missouri Energy Initiative has solely used a third-party collector for commercial PACE. He expressed his support for the proposal with a change toward a third-party collection process.

Mayor McClure asked how the Missouri Energy Initiative is organized. Mr. Campbell noted it is by a Board of Directors comprised of bankers, constructors, auditors, and legal individuals. Mayor McClure asked how board members are selected. Mr. Campbell noted the applications are received by the existing board and votes internally. Mayor McClure asked if that means members of the board are his boss. Mr. Campbell responded affirmatively. Mayor McClure asked where the bank community stands on this proposal. Mr. Campbell expressed his belief that the banking community stand behind the proposal.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the section that mentions the special assessment shall be a lien on the property and shall be collected by the County Collector could be eliminated. Mr. Campbell expressed it was his belief it was already removed in committee. He noted that he would not be opposed to specifying the County Collector be exempt from collection.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification on state rules regarding the collection process. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney provided clarification.

Councilman Schilling asked if a special exception could be made to amend collection language on the proposal. Ms. Lewsader noted City Council is giving authority to the commercial aspect of the program and there does not appear to be a legal barrier to amending the language.

Councilman Simpson asked if Mr. Campbell was operating in other municipalities. Mr. Campbell responded affirmatively. He asked if on the commercial side Mr. Campbell has used the County Collector for collection purposes. Mr. Campbell noted in over twenty projects they have not used the County Collector. He asked if at anytime City Council can opt out of participation in the program. Ms. Lewsader responded affirmatively.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the proposal's language concerning withdrawal from the program. Mr. Campbell provided clarification.

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

Mayor McClure noted public comment was not taken regarding Council Bill 2019-244.

Mayor McClure moved to reconsider Council Bill 201-244. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

Councilman Ollis noted he would abstain from the vote.

Council Bill 2019-244. Resolution 10483 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: Ollis.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following item appeared on the agenda under New Business

The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Monica Horton with term to expire November 29, 2022.

The Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Kate Burns with term to expire December 1, 2020; Susan Turner and Will Branch with terms to expire December 1, 2021; and Aaron Scott with term to expire December 1, 2022.

The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Nick Baker with term to expire December 1, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda First Reading Bills

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2019-262. A special ordinance relinquishing certain sanitary sewer easements located at 3145 and 3155 South Campbell Avenue for the purpose of accommodating new development at said locations.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services provided a brief overview of the proposed.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn Councilman Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman Schilling seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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