

April 6, 2020
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session April 6, 2020 in the Council Chambers via videoconference 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*, and Ken McClure. Absent. Craig Hosmer**.

*Members attending via videoconference.

Clerk's Note: Councilman Hosmer joined the City Council Meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of March 9, 2020 City Council Meeting, and March 10, 2020, March 16, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 24, 2020, and March 31, 2020 Special City Council Meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

**City Manager and
Public Health
Director Report**

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted Springfield-Greene County Health Department, City Fire and Police, a variety of other departments, and partner organizations have been working long hours to facilitate a coordinated management for the COVID19 crisis. He noted together, the City and partners are following national health and Centers for Disease (CDC) guidance to a very fluid situation. Mr. Gage noted after the issuance of the City "Stay-At-Home" Order, traffic within the City limits declined an estimated 40% within the first 48 hours, a Call Center was opened to answer inquiries about the Order, and daily virtual news conferences, Facebook Live Q & A events, expanded websites and social media sites have all provided reassurance and answers to citizens' questions and concerns. He also noted the communication team has produced information in multiple languages and heavily used graphics and video to help communicate simply and effectively.

Mr. Gage noted after Governor Parson's press conference on Friday, April 2, 2020 the Call Center was re-opened and the primary messages are 1) it is allowable for Missouri cities to issue more restrictive orders than the state; and, 2) the Order now includes the State's approach to limiting persons in essential retail businesses. He noted we will continue to enforce our local Stay at Home Order.

Mr. Gage noted the City's priority is to continue to provide essential services to the citizens of Springfield, while following CDC guidance to keep City employees safe. He noted measures include use of remote work, social/physical distancing, disinfection of work areas and an emphasis on personal hygiene.

Mr. Gage noted the City has been working on the community's homeless challenges when dealing with COVID19. He noted currently, efforts to address the homeless that have already contracted the virus are being coordinated through the City's Emergency Management processes and the City is in close contact with the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness. Mr. Gage asked to please consider this message to be formal encouragement to local hotels and motels to work with the Ozarks Alliance to find rooms at a reasonable rate in order to protect the high-risk homeless population. He noted interested parties can contact the Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) for detailed information on how to help. He noted the City has partnered with three of Springfield's largest nonprofits – Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO), Community Partnership of the Ozarks and United Way of the Ozarks – to be the conduit to serve the most vulnerable citizens. He noted these organizations are also helping to coordinate efforts with the faith community. Lastly, Mr. Gage noted CFO announced a \$1 million COVID19 fund and has awarded nearly \$100,000 to nine regional nonprofit agencies in initial grants.

Clay Goddard, Director of Health, noted on March 6, 2020, a task force was formed to prepare for COVID19. He noted at that time had zero cases in Missouri. He noted in our community there have been 69 cases, 19 recovered, and 7 deaths. Mr. Goddard noted the Stay at Home Order has been in effect for 11 days and he believes it is working because the number of new cases daily is holding steady and manageable. He noted the biggest concern is influx of new sick patients into the healthcare system or outbreak in long term care facility. Mr. Goddard noted one of the pillars he is promoting is mitigation, as observed by the Stay at Home Order. He noted the fuel the virus needs is for people to be physically close and the community has largely taken the fuel away and encouraged the City to stay the course. Mr. Goddard noted the second pillar is containment and clarified information released from the CDC regarding masking. He explained masking is for medical and health care workers to keep them from getting ill from those they are treating. He noted a cloth face covering, the measure the CDC was referencing, is a voluntary public health measure and it may help a person to avoid becoming ill or sharing the virus with others but shouldn't lead to a false sense of security. He noted face covering is part of a toolkit that also includes washing hands, practicing respiratory etiquette and staying at home as much as possible. Mr. Goddard noted a cloth face covering needs to be used properly and care must be taken that potential spread by unintended means such as by leaving the covering out after use are practiced. Mr. Goddard noted the third pillar is testing. He noted 1,129 tests have been done to date.

Mayor McClure asked if the measures taken are having an impact. Mr. Goddard answered affirmatively as demonstrated by case numbers remaining flat. He added the Health Department is also assisting other regions with disease investigations and contact tracings to assist with containment.

Mayor McClure asked about high case counts, especially in St. Louis, and what could that be attributed to and what can be inferred. Mr. Goddard answered he would credit the three strategies, a community that understood the risk and a bold decision-making body; coupled with testing and containment, and as an example he noted there are currently 314 individuals quarantined.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification on testing and how the City is doing in comparison to other cities. Mr. Goddard noted testing is a tool to motivate an individual to stay home until test results are received, essentially isolating the individual so if they do have COVID19, they are not spreading it to others.

Mayor McClure asked about Dynamic DNA offering local testing and its impact. Mr. Goddard answered the impact is significant as test results are received within 48 hours, and sometimes less than a day, and this provides a rapid response to an individual who may be incubating the disease. He also noted this will add up to 500 tests per day, significantly increasing the testing bandwidth.

Mayor McClure noted Mr. Goddard is working with many adjacent counties and others in Southwestern Missouri and inquired as to the regional effort. Mr. Goddard noted an incredible partnership, the ability to pool resources, and learning from one another in order for our community and the region to recover.

Mayor McClure expressed his thanks to both Mr. Goddard and his staff.

Councilman Simpson asked about resources available for individuals struggling emotionally or in need of mental health care. Mr. Goddard noted Burrell Behavioral Health has put an emphasis on mental health care and noted the City will get information disseminated via social media.

Councilman Simpson asked about access to Personal Protective Equipment for the City's first responders. Mr. Gage answered equipment is available to first responders and healthcare workers.

Councilman McGull asked as there are now more test kits available, are testing restrictions still in place. Mr. Goddard answered no as there is not yet enough bandwidth in the community. He noted multiple strategies are being pursued and his goal is not to have to restrict testing at all and be prepared to mitigate flare ups in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked when the community may hit the peak and what would be the next steps. Mr. Goddard answered based on statewide data Missouri's peak is late April, however he suspects the community is ahead of that projection. He noted the community's role is to influence the virus by being disciplined about staying home, following quarantine orders and by staying home when sick.

Mayor McClure noted at the City Council Meeting on April 20, 2020 there will be discussion on short term lending. Mayor McClure encouraged short term lending institutions to show good faith and as people are facing extreme economic difficulties to lower the interest rate in the interest of public good.

Councilman Lear noted he agreed with Mayor McClure and expressed his opinion that short term lending institutions could lower the interest rate from 500% to 100%.

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

**Official Zoning
Map and Rules for
Interpretation**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-049.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 0.16 acres of property generally located at 2001 North Ramsey Avenue, from GM, General Manufacturing District to R-TH, Residential Townhouse District. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: R.A.L. Property Management, LLC; 2001 North Ramsey Ave.; Z-2-2020.)

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found to be insufficient at 26.2% and a copy of the supplemental explanation sheet was provided electronically and a supermajority, or six votes, will not be required for passage.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification on zoning of the area and the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, answered Planning and Zoning Commission recommended 5-0 for approval. She noted there is mixed zoning in this area and when the applicant came to the City, the City encouraged the applicant to make contact with the two properties north of him to see they wanted to join him in rezoning, but they declined; therefore, this is a single lot rezoning.

Council Bill 2020-049. General ordinance 6582 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**Landmarks
Historical Status**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-051.

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 3, 'Administration, Enforcement and Review,' Subdivision II, 'Commissions and Boards,' Section 36-353 'Landmarks Board' and Division 4, 'District Regulations,' Subdivision II, 'Office, Institutional and Special Districts,' Section 36-404 'Landmarks,' to address procedures regarding designation of Historic Status. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2020-051. General ordinance 6583 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**Street Overlay
Improvements**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2020-052. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Program-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, in

the amount of \$2,392,000.00, for the purpose of appropriating federal funds to be used in street overlay improvements.

Council Bill 2020-052. Special ordinance 27295 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**ADA
Improvements**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2020-053. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Program-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, in the amount of \$1,288,000.00, for the purpose of appropriating federal funds to be used in ADA Improvements.

Council Bill 2020-053. Special ordinance 27296 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**Millwood East
Development
Sewer
Infrastructure**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-054. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a sewer improvement developer and construction cost reimbursement agreement with Ridge Investment Group, LLC, for the purpose of constructing sewer infrastructure serving the Millwood East Development and paying the cost difference between the more expensive gravity sewer and the lift station, force main, including associated fees; and utilizing no more than \$393,541.37 from the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Clean Water Services Fund.

Councilman Schilling noted at the March 9, 2020 City Council Meeting there were impassioned objections from people outside of the city limits. He asked about the number of easements needed and what the cost would be. Jason Gage, City Manager, answered it is early in the project and therefore, there could be difficulty obtaining easements; however, at this time that issue has not come up. He noted from a cost perspective, any time a municipality goes forward with an eminent domain process, there is a legal process and it goes to market value for the area in question. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, answered she cannot speak to obtaining the easements, but the contract does require the City exercise eminent domain powers if the developer does not acquire them. Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, answered 12 properties are impacted by the routing.

Councilman Simpson clarified this project could move forward with a lift station and would be paid for entirely by the developer. Mr. Petering concurred, noting there are two options. The first is the lift station, which is an interim solution, with the developer paying 100% of the costs. The second is a gravity sewer, which leverages what the developer is required to pay and the City paying the difference to construct the gravity sewer now.

Councilman Simpson clarified no Council action is required for the developer to proceed with the lift station. Mr. Petering concurred.

Councilman Ollis expressed his thanks to staff for looking at a long-term solution and to the developer who is willing to delay the project to discuss the gravity system. He expressed his opinion that he was bothered there was not an educational meeting for property owners on the project and asked what could be done to have a virtual meeting. Mr. Petering answered they did not set up virtual meetings, but the developer has agreed to delay the project so the City could reach out to property owners. He noted on March 27, 2020, the City spoke to property owners and he would like until the April 20, 2020, City Council Meeting to continue talks with property owners.

Councilman Schilling asked if over the long-term, a gravity flow system has more connective feasibility. Mr. Petering answered affirmatively, noting the sewer routing is 4700 feet in length and would start at the lowest elevation point and move to the higher elevation and until this section is put into place, nothing can be put into the watershed because there is no way to convey the sewage to where there is sewer. He added this is about 550 acres, in addition to the 45-acre development.

Councilman Lear expressed his concern for the timetable and the lack of notice to property owners. He noted if the developer is willing to delay the project, he would encourage the City to aggressively discuss with landowners and address their concerns. Councilman Lear asked if during design phase if environmental sensitivity of the area and the final laying of pipe would be considered. Mr. Petering answered affirmatively. He noted most sewers are near a stream because that is the lowest point in a drainage area; therefore, they are adapt at design and addressing environmental issues during construction and these discussions will be had with each property owner.

Councilman Ollis asked if the developer will be able to continue if the proposed is tabled. Mr. Petering noted no one from the development team was present; however, in conversations with the developer and with the consulting team the City did get approval to ask for a continuance to April 20, 2020.

Councilman Simpson motioned to table Council Bill 2020-054 until the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on April 20, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**Business
Development
Loan**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2020-056. A special ordinance authorizing the Loan Committee, by vote, to lower the interest rate of the Business Development Loan, within the Commercial Loan Program, if the prime rate decreases throughout the year.

Council Bill 2020-056. Special ordinance 27297 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**Trespass onto Real
Property**

Sponsor: McClure, Hosmer and Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-057. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 78, 'Offenses and Miscellaneous

Provisions,' Article VII, 'Offenses Against Property,' by the addition of a new Section 78-285.5, "Trespass onto real property.'

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted the penalty could be a maximum fine of \$400 and expressed her belief people likely to be cited for this act probably will not have the \$400 to pay the fine and therefore may not come to court or could possibly accumulate a number of these types of fines. She also implored City staff to determine other opportunities for people who are convicted to work off the fines.

Councilman McGull noted the fine is a discretionary tool for a judge to use.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked the City Attorney if this type of fine could be worked off through a community type of sentencing program. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, answered affirmatively, noting a judge could impose probation, fine, suspend the fine, or order community service. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson clarified nothing would need to be added to this bill for those options to be available. Ms. Lewsader concurred.

Council Bill 2020-057. General ordinance 6584 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

RESOLUTIONS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills.

Neighborhood Meeting Related to 36-368(9) and 36-473(e)

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2020-065.

A general ordinance suspending enforcement of portions of sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter section 2.12; for the purpose of limiting public gatherings during the Mayor's declaration of civil emergency.

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. The propose would suspend the neighborhood meeting requirements during the Mayor's declaration of civil emergency. The proposed specifically addresses: 1) meetings required prior to Planning & Zoning Commission hearings on zoning map classification changes, planned developments, right-of-way vacations and conditional use permits; and 2) meetings required prior to submitting an application for a Short-Term Rental Type 2.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification on noticing requirements. Ms. Smith answered the City will continue to send notices to property owners within 500 feet. She noted the only difference will be the first step of a neighborhood meeting, but property owners will be provided with notices, comment cards, and instructions on commenting via email.

Councilman Ollis asked if virtual meetings and using technology was a possibility. Ms. Smith answered it is a possibility when it is City staff conducting the meetings, but in

both of these cases, City staff would not be conducting the meetings and it would be incumbent upon the applicant to conduct the meeting and to facilitate the interaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if comment cards would be mailed out with the notices. Ms. Smith answered affirmatively, along with instructions on how to submit comments via email.

Councilman Ollis encouraged the continued use of virtual technology.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her belief a lot is left out when not meeting face to face to discuss matters.

Councilman Schilling expressed his agreement with Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson.

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

Council Bill 2020-065. General ordinance 6585 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants.

**Subaward from the
Missouri
Department of
Public
Safety/Missouri
State University**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2020-062.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a subaward from the Missouri Department of Public Safety/Missouri State University on behalf of the Springfield Fire Department, which includes multiple pieces of equipment that will support the sustainment and operation of the Springfield Fire Department Region-D Bomb Squad and the Hazardous Materials Team, valued at up to \$221,791.00, through a grant from the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

David Pennington, Fire Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted this is a grant and will allow for the replacement of a bomb suit and x-ray equipment, as well as sustainment of the Hazardous Materials Team which will replace radiation detection equipment, combined multiple monitors in to one unit for some similar functions, as well as multi-unit detection monitors.

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

Council Bill 2020-062. Special ordinance 27298 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

**Digital/
Automotive
Apprenticeship
Grant**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2020-066.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a Digital/Automotive Apprenticeship Grant in the amount of \$57,200.00 from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development; entering into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the budget for the Department of Workforce Development for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$57,200.00; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Sally Payne, Interim Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted this grant is from the same funding stream as a previous grant from the Department of Labor/Department of Higher Education Workforce Development. Ms. Payne noted this grant will serve an additional 13 registered apprenticeships in the IT or Digital Automotive industry. The applicant will not have to be a displaced worker.

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

Council Bill 2020-066. Special ordinance 27299 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS

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

**900 and 1000 block
of East Pythian
Street**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-063.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 6 acres of property generally located at the 900 and 1000 block of East Pythian Street from R-SF, Single-family Residential district, R-TH, Residential Townhouse district, and CS, Commercial Services district, to GI, Government and Institutional Use district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Junior College District of Southwest Missouri (OTC); 900 and 1000 block of East Pythian Street; Z-3-2020.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted this area is owned by OTC and the OTC Master Plan was adopted by the City in 2010. She added the proposed would consolidate OTC property into one zoning district and the Planning and Zoning commission is recommending approval.

Councilman Simpson noted he works at OTC and therefore will recuse himself.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jonathan Staats spoke in favor of the proposed and offered to answer any questions from Council.

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

**2401 East
Sunshine Street**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-064.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 43 acres of property generally located at 2401 East Sunshine Street from HM, Heavy Manufacturing district, to IC, Industrial Commercial district; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 184; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Southwest Missouri Investments, Inc.; 2401 East Sunshine Street; Z-5-2020 w/Conditional Overlay District No. 184.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, provided background. She noted this is the SRC property on Sunshine and is appropriate for General Industry, Transportation and Utilities and industrial code permits industrial and commercial activities. She also noted a traffic study would be required at the time of development and the Planning and Zoning Commission is recommending approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Geoffrey Butler submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Mr. Butler noted he represents the property owner and the property owner would like to expand operations, thus requiring rezoning of the property. Mr. Butler expressed his belief the change in zoning would allow his client to expand operations and could possible lead to the completion of the intersection at Lone Pine and Sunshine, as well as an increase in manufacturing jobs. Lastly, he noted a neighborhood meeting was held and no objections were presented at the meeting.

Mr. Butler's communique was provided electronically to Council.

With no additional comments submitted, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

The following bills were read and discussed simultaneously.

**Industrial
Development
Revenue Bonds**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-068.

A resolution determining the official intent of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to issue its Industrial Development Revenue Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$48,000,000 to finance the costs of a project under the provisions of Sections 100.010 to 100.200 RSMo.

**City of Springfield,
Missouri and Kraft
Heinz Foods**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-069.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Preliminary Funding Agreement between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Kraft Heinz Foods Company; and amending the budget in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purpose of funding the preparation and review of documents and other actions related to the issuance of Chapter 100 bonds.

Sarah Kerner, Economic Development Director, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the Resolution of intent is to issue Chapter 100 Industrial Bonds and the Special Ordinance was to enter into a Preliminary Funding Agreement, specifically noting the request to approve bond issuance would come at a future City Council Meeting. Ms. Kerner noted what industrial bonds are, the policies related to Chapter 100 Bonds, bond approval process, and the City's risk in Chapter 100 projects. She explained the Kraft products manufactured in Springfield and that the Springfield plant is Kraft's largest plant in the cheese and dairy line. She noted changing market demand is driving the need for new and modified equipment. Ms. Kerner noted the total project would cost up to \$48 million over several years, will not create new jobs but will help retain existing jobs, and allow Kraft to remain competitive with other locations within Kraft's network. She noted if the proposed is approved, it would increase the likelihood Kraft would remain in Springfield. She noted representatives were not able to attend the City Council Meeting due to travel restrictions.

Councilman Schilling asked if the company was a multi-billion-dollar corporation. Ms. Kerner answered affirmatively. Councilman Schilling asked why the company needed tax breaks. Ms. Kerner answered the Springfield plant is not bringing in the revenues it previously did due to the decrease in the sale of Kraft singles. She added the goal is to assist Kraft to remain competitive in order to maintain the 900 jobs in Springfield. Councilman Schillings asked if they upgraded the equipment, they would be able to make the money back, so what amount is being given in tax revenue and property tax abatement. Ms. Kerner noted she would bring that information when presenting the bond information. Councilman Schilling asked if businesses should be giving back and investing their profits into their facilities. Ms. Kerner answered this is what the City is trying to do with this incentive.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the requirement is for job retention. Ms. Kerner noted the percentages would be negotiated when creating the performance agreement, but noted Kraft indicated they would maintain employment levels. Councilman Hosmer noted in similar situations in the past, the percentage could not be reduced more than 10-15%. He expressed his support for incentives that keeping good jobs in Springfield but does not want to finance mechanisms that put people out of a job. Ms. Kerner noted the intent is to maintain the current job levels.

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

Council Bill 2020-068. Resolution 10500 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Nays: Schilling. Abstain: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

4811 West Kearney Street Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-067.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a license agreement with Sun Belt Environmental Services, Inc., for the purpose of installing and maintaining four monitoring wells on public right-of-way at the site of the former Litton Systems property generally located at 4811 West Kearney Street to monitor groundwater conditions at no cost to the City.

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bill.

Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2020-072.

A resolution confirming the appointments of Ryan Dock, Connie Rhoades Hinds, Irene Schaefer, and Justin Skinner to the Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff and the Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2020-072. Resolution 10501 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hosmer.

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

2520 North Bolivar Road Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-058.

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Doling Landing, generally located at 2520 North Bolivar Road, 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 2020-058. Special ordinance 27300 was approved by the following roll call vote: Council Bill 2020-072. Resolution 10501 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hosmer.

**Donation from
Mrs. Merrily
Parker**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2020-059.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from Mrs. Merrily Parker to support the Fire and Life Safety education programs.

Council Bill 2020-059. Special ordinance 059 was approved by the following roll call vote: Council Bill 2020-072. Resolution 10501 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hosmer.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. None. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Prepared by
Monica Paxton