

November 16, 2020
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session November 16, 2020 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. A moment of silence was observed.

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

*Members attending via videoconference.

Minutes The minutes of November 2, 2020 City Council meeting and October 20, 2020, November 3, 2020 and November 10, 2020 Special City Council meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Jason Gage, City Manager, noted there is one last City Council Listening Session scheduled. He noted citizens may submit comments online, may sign up to speak at the socially distanced events, plus each session will be livestreamed.

Mr. Gage noted the kickoff for the Restore SGF Kickoff is tomorrow at 6:00 p, at the Fairbanks and explained the initiative is a collaborative effort to enhance, restore and rehabilitate homes in Springfield's heritage neighborhoods.

He noted the next virtual community engagement session for the development of the Grant Avenue Parkway will take place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at GrantAvenueParkway.com.

Mr. Gage noted the City is seeking input to prioritize the themes and issues cited by the community during the Forward SGF workshops held last year, as well as input for the future of Commercial Street. He noted links to the surveys are available from springfieldmo.gov.

Mr. Gage noted Public Works will install the Mayor's Christmas Tree in Park Central Square tomorrow morning. He noted the Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show, benefitting the Ozarks Performing Arts League, is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020. Mr. Gage noted citizens can tune in to KY3 Saturday night from 7-8 p.m. to watch performances by the Springfield Ballet, Springfield Little Theatre, Springfield Regional Opera, Springfield Symphony and other great local artists, followed by the Mayor lighting the Christmas tree on Park Central Square. He noted the Mayor is encouraging everyone in Springfield, including area churches, to ring bells when he lights the tree at approximately 7:55 p.m. Mr. Gage noted socially distanced drive-through selfies with Santa will be available 8-9:30 p.m. in front of the Vantage on Robberson Alley.

Councilman Hosmer asked Mr. Gage for information and enforcement pertaining to the City's noise ordinance, as he has had several constituents complain about noise from vehicles.

Mr. Gage noted he has asked the Chief of Police to increase awareness of noise ordinance violations, but it is often a matter of police being in the area to witness the violation in order to take action.

Councilman Ollis echoed Councilman Hosmer's comments and added his concern for excessive speeding on North Glenstone by groups of motorcyclists.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if license numbers and audio of the noise are enough evidence for police to follow up.

Mr. Gage noted he would check with Chief Williams.

Clay Goddard, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided an update on COVID-19. He noted the community is currently in the middle of the second wave of the virus. Mr. Goddard reviewed the number of new cases for the month of November and the past week for Greene County and the State. He noted there are two ends to a pandemic, societal and medical. Mr. Goddard expressed his concern many in the community have surpassed the societal threshold. He reviewed the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. He expressed his opinion people will get to the end of this pandemic, but will require people to collectively move in the same direction, taking the same precautions, and showing the same personal responsibility. Mr. Goddard expressed his belief people will be frustrated in the coming months with the holiday season and having to make sacrifices, while desiring a thread of normalcy. He reviewed the number of people hospitalized, the number that are Greene County residents, the number in the ICU, and the number of people on ventilators. Mr. Goddard expressed his belief vaccinations will be available in the next few months, but until then people need to remember to watch your distance, wash your hands, and wear your mask.

Councilman Simpson asked about the storage temperatures for the Moderna versus Pfizer vaccines and the difficulty level associated with the administration of both vaccines.

Mr. Goddard answered the Moderna vaccine will be slightly easier to handle and store, but it is still a two-dose vaccine; therefore, adding logistic factors.

Councilman Simpson noted COVID-19 graphs no longer depict a curve, but sharp spikes.

Mr. Goddard agreed and noted COVID-19 compared to the 1918 pandemic are strikingly similar.

Councilman Lear noted many communities in the state have taken steps back and asked what actions Mr. Goddard thought the City should be considering.

Mr. Goddard responded he has been in contact with the City Manager and they are exploring all options.

Councilman Lear expressed his opinion people want to get back to normal as quickly as possible, so whatever remedies are needed is better economically.

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

**Amending
Elections and
Campaign Finance**

Sponsor: Lear, Hosmer, and McGull. Council Bill 2020-248.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 46, 'Elections,' Section 46-6, 'Campaign Finance,' and establishing an effective date. (Recommended by the Plans and Policies Committee.)

Councilman Schilling expressed his support for the proposed and noted it the proposed would match the requirements of the State and Federal levels. He expressed his opinion it would also help contributors keep track of campaign contribution laws.

Councilman Ollis expressed his opinion some type of campaign finance cap is needed, but caps in the past have not proven effective. He reviewed Political Action Committees (PACs) from the State level created to circumvent campaign finance caps. Councilman Ollis reviewed dark money and how it cannot be traced. He expressed his opinion campaign finance caps have made the situation worse and noted he will not be supporting the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer noted he will be supporting the proposed. He noted between 1996 and 2008, the City operated under the same guidelines as the State. Councilman Hosmer noted in 2008 the State changed campaign finance caps, but the City did not and there have not been campaign finance caps since. He expressed his opinion there are problems when implementing campaign finance caps, but that is an issue for the Supreme Court. He noted people voted in 1996, 2016, and 2018 to limit campaign contributions. Councilman Hosmer noted the Governor of the State of Missouri is limited to \$2,650, as is every constitutional office in the State and all legislative members; yet someone running for a City Council seat can have unlimited contributions. He noted Springfield is the largest city in Missouri that does not have campaign finance caps.

Councilman Simpson expressed his opinion campaign finance caps are good, but how they are enacted may have unintended consequences. He expressed his opinion the unintended consequences are foreseeable. Councilman Simpson noted he supports the intent of the proposed, but does not believe the proposed is the way to achieve campaign finance caps and therefore will be voting in opposition of the proposed.

Councilman Lear expressed his opinion current campaign finance laws are not the will of the people, not good for democracy, and not good for the country. He expressed his opinion he would like to have an ordinance similar to the proposed, but believes the proposed will be detrimental and not have the intended effect. Councilman Lear noted he will be voting in opposition of the proposed.

Councilman McGull noted he voted for the proposed to come to City Council, as he wanted City Council to debate on the proposed. He expressed his opinion the proposed favors the wealthy and incumbents. Councilman McGull expressed his concern the proposed may limit the potential of people running for City Council. He expressed his opinion true campaign finance reform would be a specified amount of money given by the City to each candidate with no other funds to be used. Councilman McGull noted he will be voting in opposition to the proposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her opinion the current ordinance maintains the transparency of campaign contributions. She noted she will be voting in opposition of the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer noted the current ordinance allows a contribution of \$500 to a candidate and \$1,000 during an election. He expressed his opinion no member of City Council follows this ordinance. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion candidates want to take unlimited amounts of money, but this is not good for public policy or democracy. He expressed his opinion the City operated under the ordinance in the early 1990's and there was not a problem for incumbents or dark money, he expressed his belief it is a problem because City Council does not want to limit the amount money that can be accepted to run for a political office.

Mayor McClure noted he will be voting in opposition to the proposed. He expressed his opinion the proposed is poorly crafted, is a procedural nightmare, is contradictory, is contrary to the City Charter, and noted campaign finance caps at the State level have changed three times since 2008. Mayor McClure expressed his opinion the effective date of the proposed is December 1, 2020, which is in the middle of candidate filing and expressed his concern the effective date would protect incumbents. He cited an article in the Columbia Missourian referencing Missouri politicians circumventing campaign finance caps by using PACs. Mayor McClure noted multiple PAC contributions to Clean Missouri. He expressed his opinion the current ordinance is not perfect, but it is transparent. Mayor McClure recommended the proposed be defeated and all of Chapter 46 be repealed.

City Council Bill 2020-248 failed by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling and Hosmer
Nays: Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Abstain: None.

**Increasing
Number of
Members for the
Police Civilian
Review Board**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2020-249.

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinances 23765, 24472, and 25460 establishing and defining the Police Civilian Review Board to increase the size of the Board from five members to seven members, to modify the process by which Board members are appointed, and to modify the minimum qualifications for Board members to be eligible for appointment.

City Council Bill 2020-249. Special ordinance 27410 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull and McClure. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Repealing
Resolution 10478**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2020-251.

A resolution repealing Resolution 10478 as to the conduct of Councilmember Jan Fisk referred to Hearing Examiner Kenneth Thompson pursuant to Section 2-60(o)(1) of the Code of the City of Springfield.

Councilwoman Fisk recused herself.

Ken McClure, Mayor, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted on November 7, 2018 a complaint was filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission by a citizen. Mayor McClure noted on February 5, 2019 a letter was sent to the Mayor from the Missouri Ethics Commission noting reasonable grounds to support a violation. He noted on March 25, 2019 the matter was referred to a Hearing Examiner. Mayor McClure reviewed the possible violations. He noted after extensive review during the summer of 2019, a revised request for referral was made on September 24, 2019. Mayor McClure noted on October 7, 2019 resolution 10478 was adopted. He noted he is in possession of a letter signed by every member of City Council requesting a withdrawal of request for referral to a Hearing Examiner related to misconduct by Councilmember Jan Fisk. Mayor McClure read the letter.

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

Councilman Schilling expressed his opinion the City should review the ethics ordinance, as this is the second ethics case. He expressed his belief City Council should be able to address matters themselves in a more efficient and cost-effective method.

Councilman Lear expressed his personal regard for Councilwoman Fisk and expressed his opinion her contributions to City Council have been numerous and significant. He expressed his opinion as City leaders, City Council is bound by transparency and accountability to the public. Councilman Lear expressed his opinion the alleged misconduct investigation has continued for two years and it is unlikely there will be a clear, convincing, or timely resolution; therefore, the proposed is the best conclusion. He expressed his opinion there is shared culpability and a flawed process.

Councilman Simpson echoed sentiments of the flawed process. He expressed his opinion there should be a review of the City Charter and ordinances to determine how to fix the process.

Councilman Ollis expressed his high regard for Councilwoman Fisk and expressed his opinion she has done exemplary work. He expressed his opinion City Council does not have an effective system, citing contradictions between the City Charter and the Missouri Ethics Commission. Councilman Ollis noted City Councilmembers must file disclosures and reports with the Missouri Ethics Commission. He expressed his opinion the City Charter needs to be reviewed and provisions be updated.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her opinion the City Charter should be reviewed and updated. She expressed her opinion there are areas of the City Charter that are outdated. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson recommended the City Charter be reviewed to make it a stronger document that supports the City government and the citizens.

Council Bill 2020-251. Resolution 10533 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Abstain: None. Absent: Fisk.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

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

Food Preparation as a Home Occupation

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2020-252.

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Section 36-451, 'Home Occupations,' to allow food preparation as a home occupation. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Smith noted the proposed is an amendment to zoning ordinance related to Home Occupation. She noted preparation of food for sale as a Home Occupation is currently prohibited. Ms. Smith noted the City was approached by a citizen wishing to prepare certain non-hazardous foods in her home for sale. She noted the proposed was initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 8, 2020, of which they recommend approval. Ms. Smith reviewed the proposed amendment.

Councilman Simpson asked if commercial kitchens are inspected on a routine basis.

Eric Marcol, Health Programs Coordinator, answered affirmatively. Mr. Marcol noted the City follows a process outlined by the State Health Department and explained inspection the process.

Councilman Simpson clarified the Health Department would not be inspecting kitchens in people's homes and asked how the Health Department would determine and monitor if foods are hazardous.

Mr. Marcol answered Councilman Simpson is correct, the Health Department would not be doing home kitchen inspections. He explained the process of determining and

monitoring if foods are hazardous comes to the Health Department in the form of a complaint.

Councilman Simpson asked if there were any concerns the foods listed in the proposed may be hazardous.

Mr. Marcol noted the verbiage is directly from the Missouri food code and potentially hazardous foods have already been excluded.

Councilman McGull asked if the type of vendor discussed in the proposed is required to have a minimum amount of liability insurance.

Ms. Smith answered they are not.

Councilman McGull clarified the City does not require insurance.

Ms. Smith answered affirmatively.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted in commercial kitchens the person in charge is required to have extensive knowledge in safe food handling, she asked what knowledge a person would have to have in order to produce product in a home kitchen.

Mr. Marcol noted the Health Department does not regulate home kitchens and the food allowed is not hazardous. He noted extensive knowledge in safe food handling is targeted at foods that are more hazardous and could potentially cause illness.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson reviewed items in the proposed she believes could be hazardous and asked about cross contamination situations, unclean preparations surfaces or food utensils, and asked how these situations would be monitored.

Mr. Marcol noted they would not be monitored. He noted the State food code allows for these food items in the definition.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her concern for the lack of insurance requirement, no requirement for safe food handling knowledge, and no oversight of home kitchens. She expressed concern for keeping the public safe.

Mr. Marcol noted the State food code allows for these food items in the definition. He noted the production and sale of goods from home kitchens is already happening outside of City limits and at farmer's markets.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson clarified the onus of risk is on the consumer.

Mr. Marcol answered affirmatively.

Ms. Smith noted the State law provides the opportunity for Home Occupations, but the City zoning ordinance does not.

Councilwoman Fisk asked if goods produced in home kitchens are subject to sales tax.

Ms. Smith noted the State does not levy sales tax on food items, but there is a local sales tax.

Councilman Ollis asked what the insurance requirements are for a commercial kitchen.

Ms. Smith noted she did not know.

Councilman Ollis asked if a person wishing to produce non hazard food items could use a rented commercial kitchen, and if so, are the rented commercial kitchens inspected.

Mr. Marcol answered if the food is potentially hazardous, he guides the citizen to rented commercial kitchens, and then the citizen can be permitted.

Councilman Ollis asked if other communities of similar size to Springfield that allow food preparation as a Home Occupation.

Ms. Smith noted comparable communities were reviewed and noted she would be able to get the list to City Council members.

Councilman Schilling noted the person who is interested in producing food as Home Occupation indicated she has taken a food handling course from the Health Department. He expressed his opinion the citizen has noble and conscientious intent to do the best she can.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Written comments submitted via email from Rachel McGrath. Ms. McGrath explained in order to generate income, she wanted to sell non-hazardous goods made in her home, but discovered the City's ordinance does not allow her to do so. She noted she does not want to create a food establishment and she does not generate enough income to justify renting a commercial kitchen. Ms. McGrath expressed her desire to legally sell non-hazardous goods, prepared in her home, as outlined by the Missouri Cottage Law provision.

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

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

**Donation from the
Commercial Club
of Springfield**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-253.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation of \$35,000 from the Commercial Club of Springfield, Missouri, for inclusion in the construction and maintenance costs of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge; and amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to appropriate the donation funds.

Andrew Flippin, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the Commercial Club raised \$50,000 for the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge. Mr. Flippin reviewed many of the fundraising activities. He noted \$15,000 was previously donated by Special Ordinance 27051, and the proposed is the remaining \$35,000. He expressed his gratitude to the Commercial Club, and all involved to raise funds for the Footbridge.

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

Rehabilitation of Jefferson Avenue Foot Bridge

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-254.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission STP-Urban Program Supplemental Agreement #1 for an additional \$560,000 of funding which requires a local match of \$140,000; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works in the total amount of \$700,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, for the purpose of appropriating funds to be used in the rehabilitation of the Jefferson Avenue Foot Bridge.

Andrew Flippin, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted in 2018 the City entered into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to use Federal funds for the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge. Mr. Flippin reviewed the agreement, costs, bids, increase in costs, and the bid option recommended by City Council. He explained the revised budget submitted to Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and noted the 80% Federal funding and the 20% local match required. Mr. Flippin reviewed the timeline for the project.

Councilman Schilling asked the dollar amount of the shortage for the project.

Mr. Flippin expressed his opinion the budget is conservative, but on track. He noted they will not know the shortfall until the project goes out for bid.

Councilman Ollis asked the status of keeping the approach over the Plaza.

Mr. Flippin noted the bid does not account for keeping the approach. He noted if the bid is within the 10%, there is the possibility of also awarding the approach.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked what the engineer's estimate is on the approach.

Mr. Flippin answered approximately \$200,000.

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

**CARES Act
Funding for
Workforce
Development**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2020-255.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant through the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Greene County, Missouri, in the amount of \$34,689 for use by the City of Springfield's Department of Workforce Development; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$34,689 for the purpose of appropriating the grant funds.

Sally Payne, Interim Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the CARES Act funding will be used to support staff costs, which will allow more funding for participants.

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

**Wastewater
Treatment Plant
Pond 2
Improvements
Project**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2020-256.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond 2 Improvements Project; accepting the bid of Branco Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$887,718; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into contracts necessary for completion of said Project; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the Department of Environmental Services for the contract price, plus a 10 percent contingency, in the amount of \$976,490, and to appropriate retained earnings of the Clean Water Enterprise Fund.

Brian Wirth, Superintendent of Clean Water Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Wirth noted the storage pond was originally constructed in 1970 and initially used as part of the treatment process. He noted since 1978 the pond has been used exclusively for storing excessive flow during wet weather. Mr. Wirth noted grit and waste have been dumped on the pond for years and have now resulted in severe erosion. He reviewed the components of the project that will rehabilitate the pond and increase the storage capacity. Mr. Wirth noted there were two bidders for the project.

Councilman Schilling asked Mr. Wirth to define grit.

Mr. Wirth answered grit is dumped from vacuum trucks and could have been sucked up from manholes, car washes, etc.

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

**Show Me Courts
Statement of
Expectations and
Agreement**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2020-257.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, and the Chief Judge of Municipal Court to enter into a 'Show Me Courts Statement of Expectations and

Agreement' with the Office of State Courts Administrator for the implementation of court automation software.

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted there was a presentation on the proposed at the City Council lunch workshop on September 21, 2020. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed allows the City Manager to enter into the agreement and use the automation software. He noted the Judge of the 31st Circuit has required all courts in this circuit implement automation system as it is available.

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

**Amending Chapter
42 Adding
Surcharge**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-258.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 42, 'Courts,' Section 42-41, 'Court costs,' Subsection (a) 'Fee schedule,' by adding a surcharge of \$7 for the statewide automation fund and making certain corrections.

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed adds a surcharge as required by the Show Me Courts Statement of Expectations and Agreement court automation system. Mr. Quigley noted the fee is consistent with State law.

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

**2616 West Walnut
Street**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-259.

A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 2616 West Walnut Street to Lloyd Babcock Construction for \$12,600.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted twice per year the City bids out properties acquired through a variety of circumstances. Mr. Quigley noted 22 properties were out for bid and 11 properties had bids staff deemed acceptable.

Councilman Ollis expressed his opinion it is a positive thing to have the properties re-deployed back into the community. He asked after recovery costs are paid, where does the balance of the funds go.

Mr. Quigley noted surplus funds go to the Police/Fire pension fund. He noted this was passed as a resolution in 2009. Mr. Quigley noted since 2009, 75 properties have been sold and approximately \$110,000 has been transferred into the Police/Fire pension fund. He noted proceeds from the current 11 properties is approximately \$30,000.

Councilman Ollis asked if it would be effective to use proceeds to replenish the Dangerous Building Fund.

Mr. Quigley noted there is an annual appropriation to the Dangerous Building Fund for maintenance and demolition. He noted the Dangerous Building Fund does not replenish itself and how it is funded is a City Council decision. He noted the different Boards and non-profits the City works collaboratively with to re-deploy properties. Mr. Quigley noted there are an additional 83 properties to be sold.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her opinion there are many dangerous properties and if the Building Inspectors were able to review properties in a timelier manner, she is sure more properties would be brought forward. She expressed her concern for the number of vacant houses as we move into winter, as there have been a number of fires. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson implored citizens to notify the City Manager's office of the address of any vacant houses on their block in order to keep neighborhoods safe.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Rusty Worley noted he is current Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Mr. Worley noted at the Restore SGF meeting many bankers and developers expressed interest in aggregate properties in order to have a larger scale for development options.

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Meeks addressed City Council. Ms. Meeks expressed her opinion there is a different between cases and deaths and showed a graph. She noted the lockdown, cases, and deaths in Italy, Belgium, the UK, and Peru. She expressed her opinion lockdowns can destroy lives. Ms. Meeks reviewed an Oxford report related to starvation. She reviewed statistics related to depression and suicide pre- and post-lockdown. Ms. Meeks reviewed reports from UNICEF and the CDC. She reviewed death statistics estimated and actual in Sweden. Ms. Meeks expressed her opinion a lockdown should not be considered. She displayed a graphs indicating increased cases in states and countries with mandatory mask mandates.

Heather Dietz addressed City Council. Ms. Dietz did not appear.

Sean Matar addressed City Council. Mr. Matar did not appear.

Ray Crespo addressed City Council. Mr. Crespo expressed concern for the Springfield Public School's (SPS) approach to COVID-19 and moving from 2-day seating to 4-day seating. He expressed his opinion City Council should intervene with SPS. Mr. Crespo noted he has been an energy conservation specialist for 25 years and has extensive experience with advanced air filtration. He expressed his concern for SPS's mitigation for airborne viruses. Mr. Crespo reviewed the CDC's guidelines for air filters. He reviewed steps taken by SPS for air filtration and expressed his opinion SPS has not taken appropriate precautions. Mr. Crespo noted he purchased an air filter for his son's

teacher and 36 filters to donate to the SPS, but stated he was informed in writing by the Principal to remove the filter and to stop the donation, as the District will not allow anyone to filter the air in their classrooms. He expressed his opinion SPS can afford to purchase air filters, he noted SPS has also received CARES Act funding. Mr. Crespo requested City Council intervene with SPS and take the reins of leadership.

Mayor McClure noted he received Mr. Crespo's email and he had forwarded the email to SPS. He asked if Mr. Crespo had spoke with the School Board or SPS.

Mr. Crespo noted he is meeting with the School Board tomorrow and has a meeting Wednesday with Carol Embree and Dr. Travis Shaw.

Mayor McClure noted the School Board is responsible for the governance of SPS by State law.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Mark Millsap, Nancy Williams, and Donald Woody with terms to expire December 1, 2023.

The Committee of the Whole recommends the following appointment to Board of Public Utilities: Clifton Smart with term to expire December 1, 2023.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted On October 19, 2020 the City Clerk received a referendum petition pertaining to General Ordinance 6614. She noted City Charter section 14.2 requires within thirty (30) days after the enactment by the Council or by initiative of any ordinance which is subject to referendum, a petition signed by qualified electors of the City equal in number to at least ten percent of the total number of persons voting in the last general municipal election in April may be filed with the City Clerk, requesting that such ordinance either be repealed or submitted to a vote of the electors. Ms. Cotter noted she had reviewed the signatures and certified the requisite 1,718 signatures of qualified electors had been submitted. Therefore, she advised City Council the petition is certified.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

2051 North Summit Avenue	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-260. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 2051 North Summit Avenue to Lloyd Babcock Construction for \$12,075.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
1325 West Brower Street	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-261. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 1325 West Brower Street to Lloyd Babcock Construction for \$8,400.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
1216 North Forest Avenue	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-262. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 1216 North Forest Avenue to Lloyd Babcock Construction for \$8,925.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
1114 South Hillcrest Avenue	Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2020-263. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 1114 South Hillcrest Avenue to Lloyd Babcock Construction for \$15,120.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
528 North Homewood Avenue	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-264. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 528 North Homewood Avenue to David Hamilton for \$4,000.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
1634 West Nichols Street	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-265. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 1634 West Nichols Street to Randall Gear for \$10,500.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
1311 North Clay Avenue	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-266. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 1311 North Clay Avenue to Stirling Properties, LLC, for \$16,550.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
631 West Tampa Street	Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-267. A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 631 West Tampa Street to Educational Investments, LLC, for \$6,300.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

**525 North
Westgate Avenue**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-268.

A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 525 North Westgate Avenue to Larry Williams for \$4,000.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

**1036 West Division
Street**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-269.

A special ordinance approving the sale of real property at 1036 West Division Street to Master Auto Mechanic for Less, LLC, for \$5,000.00; authorizing the issuance of a deed for same; authorizing the acceptance of a sight-triangle easement; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

**Supplemental
Agreement with
Missouri
Highways and
Transportation
Commission and
TransCore ITS,
LLC**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2020-270.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a supplemental agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and TransCore ITS, LLC, in the amount of \$23,987.89 to allow for additional services and to set out terms of the financial obligations between the parties.

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS

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

**Board
Confirmations**

Confirm the following appointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Board: Stephanie Shadwick with term to expire March 1, 2023.

Confirm the following reappointments to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Board: Ryan Cosby and Dan Scott with terms to expire March 1, 2024.

Confirm the following appointment to Mayor's Commission for Children: Amy Chenoweth with term to expire November 29, 2022.

Confirm the following reappointment to Mayor's Commission for Children: Jennifer McClure with term to expire November 29, 2023.

Confirm the following reappointments to Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Heather Hardinger and Pamela Hernandez with terms to expire October 1, 2023.

Confirm the following appointment to Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Missy Handyside with term to expire January 1, 2022.

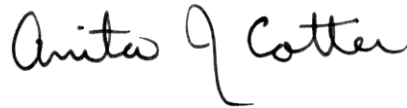
Confirm the following appointment to Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Board: Brandon Cook with term to expire December 1, 2022.

Confirm the following appointment to Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Board: Dr. Cameron LaBarr with term to expire December 1, 2023.

Confirm the following reappointments to Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Board: Mindy Spitz and Mandi Young with terms to expire December 1, 2023.

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. Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays. Hosmer and McGull. Absent. None. Abstain. None. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Prepared by
Monica Paxton