

May 17, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session May 17, 2021 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, Heather Hardinger, Angela Romine, Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, and Ken McClure. Absent. Richard Ollis.

Minutes The minutes of May 3, 2021 City Council meeting and May 11, 2021 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 as of May 14, 2021 approximately 1,320 individuals have registered to help clean-up and green-up Springfield for the Clean Green Springfield Initiative. He further noted more than 800 trash bags, which consisted of approximately 12 tons of trash, have been removed by volunteers from roadways, trails, and stream areas. He added dozens of organizations and volunteers have also conducted one-time roadway and stream clean-ups. Mr. Gage noted these efforts have reinvigorated the City's Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Stream programs for clean-up and beautification efforts within the community.

Mr. Gage noted an event will be held this Saturday at 404 North Jefferson for individuals to drop off tires at no cost. He further noted the City is also partnering with the Computer Recycling Center for several discounted and no-cost drop off opportunities for e-waste collection for old televisions and computers. He added individuals may visit www.cleangreensgf.com for additional information.

Mr. Gage noted last week was National Police Week. He expressed his appreciation to the local police officers for their dedicated service to the community. He further noted on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., Springfield Police Chaplains are hosting a Peace Officers Memorial Service at the Life 360 Church, which is located at 2220 West Chesterfield Boulevard. He added also during the month of May, First Watch at both their locations will donate 20% of all proceeds to the Springfield Police Foundation.

Mr. Gage noted the City is celebrating National Public Works Week from May 16-22, 2021 by releasing its 2020 Public Works Annual Report. He further noted a copy has been distributed for Council's review. He added the City is offering special media opportunities meant to highlight the Public Works and Environmental Services professionals, infrastructure, and those vital services to maintaining public health, quality of life, and well-being of local citizens. Mr. Gage noted Stronger Together is the theme for 2021's National Public Works Week, challenging public works professionals and citizens to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield-Greene County Health Department will be administering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the Busch Municipal Building. He added the Health Department will also be administering the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Missouri Job Center on June 1, 2021. He added registration is not required for these events. Mr. Gage noted the Missouri Job Center will be open to the public and will also conducting a hiring event. He further noted individuals may visit www.health.springfieldmo.gov for additional information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

Mr. Gage introduced Taj Suleyman, who has been named the City's first Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. He further noted his first day with the City's Leadership Team is today, Monday, May 17, 2021. He further noted Mr. Suleyman has extensive career experience leading diversity, equity, and inclusion work for a variety of organizations, both in the public and non-profit sectors. He added Mr. Suleyman was previously employed as the director of equity for Dubuque Community Schools in Dubuque, Iowa, serving as a key district leader. Mr. Gage noted Mr. Suleyman's new position will be critical in taking the local government's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives to a new level, including developing and implementing strategies and education programs throughout the City's organization. He further noted his new position is not intended to be a position that dives in and solves all our diversity and inclusion challenges in the community. He added his new position will give the City's organization the ability to strengthen our collaboration with community-wide organizations in concert with the numerous City departments that already work in this space.

Mayor McClure welcomed Mr. Suleyman to the City and community.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether City staff has provided information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. Mr. Gage noted City staff is preparing to e-mail Council information regarding the ARPA soon. Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether information has been compiled by City staff regarding the financial involvement of the City with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gage noted City staff had provided financial information to Council but is also working on compiling additional information for their review.

Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Gage for tonight's updates.

Public Health Director Report

There was no report provided by Katie Towns, Acting Springfield-Greene County Health Director.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading.

Street Name Change - 4500 block of South Main Avenue to West El Camino Alto Drive

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-106.

A general ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Springfield, Missouri, adopted pursuant to General Ordinance 1478, by changing the street name of the 4500 block of South Main Avenue to West El Camino Alto Drive. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-106. General Ordinance 6653 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Street Name Change –
300 Block of East
Weaver Road and 500-
600 Block of West
Weaver Road to Old
Weaver Road**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-107.

A general ordinance amending the Official Map of the City of Springfield, Missouri adopted pursuant to General Ordinance 1478, by changing the name of the 300 Block of East Weaver Road and the 500-600 Block of West Weaver Road to Old Weaver Road. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-107. General Ordinance 6654 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning at 1727
North Washington
Avenue**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-108.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.18 acres of property generally located at 1727 North Washington Avenue from R-MD, Medium-density Multi-family Residential District with Urban Conservation District No. 3, to CC, Center City District with Urban Conservation District No. 3; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 197; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: 540 Commercial Partners LLC; 1727 North Washington Avenue; Z-7-2021 w/COD #197.)

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the potential use for the proposed. Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, expressed to his knowledge the applicant wants to construct a private on-site parking lot and develop a larger bufferyard to the south.

Council Bill 2021-108. General Ordinance 6655 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning at 844 South
National Avenue**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-109.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.18 acre of property generally located at 844 South National Avenue from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District with Urban Conservation District No. 2, to R-HD, High Density Multi-Family Residential District with Urban Conservation District No. 2; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 198; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Springfield Lutheran Student Center, Inc.; 844 S. National Avenue; Z-8-2021 w/Conditional Overlay District No. 198.)

Council Bill 2021-109. General Ordinance 6656 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Second Amended and Restated
Redevelopment Plan –
East Cherry Pocket
Neighborhood
Redevelopment Area**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-110.

A special ordinance approving the Second Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan for the East Cherry Pocket Neighborhood Redevelopment Area, generally located on 0.51 acres on the north side of the intersection of East Cherry Street and South Fremont Avenue; and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended and restated redevelopment agreement with the developer, Say You Can, LLC, relating to the implementation of the Second Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan. (The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and City staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-110. Special Ordinance 27495 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Cherry Street
Pedestrian
Improvements and
Accepting Bid of
D&E Plumbing and
Heating, Inc.**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-111.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Cherry Street Pedestrian Improvements from Fremont Avenue to Weller Avenue; accepting the bid of D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$485,044.00 for said improvements; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2021-111. Special Ordinance 27496 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Surface
Transportation
Program-Urban
Program Agreement –
Walnut Street Bridge
Over Jordan Creek**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-112.

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 for the purpose of funding partial right-of-way and construction for the replacement of the Walnut Street Bridge over Jordan Creek; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, in the amount of \$1,600,000 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds.

Council Bill 2021-112. Special Ordinance 27497 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

RESOLUTIONS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills.

**Amending Chapter 58
– New Article XIII
‘COVID-19 Pandemic’
– Face Coverings**

Sponsor: Council. Council Bill 2021-127.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 58, ‘Health and Sanitation,’ by repealing Article XIII, ‘COVID-19 Pandemic,’ and replacing it with a new Article XIII, ‘COVID-19 Pandemic,’ to revise regulations related to the use of Face Coverings outdoors; amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 58, ‘Health and Sanitation,’ by repealing Article XIII, ‘COVID-19 Pandemic’ to be effective May 27, 2021; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Katie Towns, Acting Director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, gave an overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the Health Department supports the proposed, which includes the removal of all outdoor masking requirements immediately. She further noted May 27, 2021 is the last day for Springfield Public Schools. Ms. Towns added the vaccinations rates are lower than what the Health Department would like with approximately 35% of all eligible individuals in Greene County being fully vaccinated. She noted approximately 67% of individuals age 65 and older are fully vaccinated, which helps provide protection against the most vulnerable to the virus. She further noted the Health Department would continue to work on educating individuals about the virus and encouraged everyone to be vaccinated. Ms. Towns added by the end of May, all eligible individuals will have had at least seven weeks to be vaccinated and vaccine supply has been adequate to meet the demand. She further noted the Center for Disease Control recently updated their guidance pertaining to masking.

Ms. Towns noted the proposed is based on data and experience with the virus. She further noted cases and hospitalizations continue to remain stable and significantly lower than at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. She added approximately 36 individuals are currently hospitalized locally for COVID-19. Ms. Towns noted the 7-day rolling average is 18 cases per day, which is a 93% decrease since the peak of the pandemic. She further noted recent increases in cases and hospitalizations have been both moderate and short-lived. She added these experiences provide increased confidence in our ability to respond to future cases due to COVID-19. Ms. Towns noted the community will be transitioning from public policy to public responsibility. She further noted for individuals who have not yet been vaccinated, the Health Department encourages them to continue masking in public settings as a best health practice for protection against the virus since the pandemic is not over. She reiterated the best protection against the virus is to be vaccinated.

Ms. Towns noted the Health Department will continue to work with the community in providing vaccination events for individuals to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. She further noted the Health Department is working with the Springfield Public School District to offer vaccinations for middle and high school students. She added there are other vaccine events being held, such as Springfield Cardinal games, The Fairbanks, The Library Center, and The Library Station, as well as at Cox, Mercy, and the Jordan Valley Health Center. Ms. Towns noted individuals may visit www.vaccine417.com or contact 417-874-1211 for additional information.

Ms. Towns thanked Council for their dedicated service and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted although the pandemic is far from over, the regulations have served their purpose to prevent an overwhelming of the healthcare system and to protect the most vulnerable from the virus. She added the community must finish strong.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Heather Dietz addressed the proposed. Ms. Dietz expressed her opinion the City has overreached their power regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. She further expressed her opinion the actions taken by Council have devastated the community and local businesses, who should have had the ability to choose how they respond to COVID-19. She expressed her belief the City's state of emergency and masking should end, because the number of cases for COVID-19 were not enough to justify instituting a civil emergency.

Lisa Meeks addressed the proposed. Ms. Meeks expressed her belief the masking mandate should have not been implemented in the first place. She further expressed her belief Council has appeared rude and disrespectful to the individuals who have spoken over the last year. She expressed her opinion experts keep changing their mind regarding COVID-19, because they are not following the facts. Ms. Meeks further expressed her opinion there is no scientific data available about the effects of the vaccines for COVID-19 because there has not been enough time to gather specific data. She expressed her belief masking should be eliminated.

Patricia Tursi addressed the proposed. Ms. Tursi expressed her belief the vaccines for preventing COVID-19 are unsafe and should not be encouraged by the City and Health Department for immunization. She further expressed her belief there have been more deaths associated with the vaccines for preventing COVID-19 than the past 10 years from other vaccinations. Ms. Tursi expressed her opinion children ages 13-15 are being treated as lab rats, because there has not been enough time to gather specific data about the vaccines to appropriately utilize them.

Gerald Keim addressed the proposed. Mr. Keim expressed his belief the masking mandate should be eliminated. He further expressed his belief individuals should be allowed to choose for themselves if they want to wear a mask. He noted he had family members who were avid mask wears who contracted COVID-19. Mr. Keim expressed his opinion masking does not prevent the spread of COVID-19. He further expressed his opinion masking can cause bacterial pneumonia. He reiterated masking should be eliminated, and individuals should have the right to choose if they want to wear a mask versus mandating it.

Mark Opheim addressed the proposed. Mr. Opheim expressed his opinion the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown helped him save money, since he could not go anywhere. He further expressed the shutdown help promote more homeschooling for kids. He expressed his belief a lot of money is being made by the pharmaceuticals industry for pushing the vaccines to prevent COVID-19. He further expressed his belief since only approximately 30% of the community has been vaccinated per the local thermometer signs, approximately 70% of the community is smart enough not to get vaccinated.

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

Council Bill 2021-127. General Ordinance 6657 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Grants.

**Subaward from
Missouri Department
of Public Safety –
Springfield Fire
Department**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-116.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a subaward from the Missouri Department of Public Safety via 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 Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Teams and the Bomb Squad, as components of the Region D Homeland Security Regional Response System, valued at \$212,253.03, from the State Homeland Security Grant Program; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval on one reading.

David Pennington, Fire Chief, gave an overview of the proposed. Chief Pennington noted the Fire Department currently utilizes equipment, which was purchased through Office of Homeland Security grants, to establish core capabilities of response to hazardous material, weapons of mass destruction and structure collapse incidents within Springfield, as well as Missouri Region D. He further noted the capabilities are identified as core requirements for the teams and the bomb squad by the State's Region D Homeland Security Regional Response System (HSRRS). He added the updates and maintenance are currently funded through this grant process. He added this new equipment replaces five pieces of monitoring equipment, which have reached the end of their usable life, as well as consumable items. Chief Pennington noted, additionally, the proposed would provide for the purchase of personal protective equipment necessary for the sustainment of the bomb squad capabilities identified as core requirements for the bomb squad by the HSRRS and required by the U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation's Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board as part of the bomb squad's accreditation process. He further noted the estimated total value of the proposed is approximately \$212,253.03, and there are no matching funds required.

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

Council Bill 2021-116. Special Ordinance 27498 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Agreement with the
Missouri Highways
and Transportation
Commission – Grant
Avenue Parkway
Project**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-117.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development 2019 Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (“MHTC”), for the purpose of funding the Grant Avenue Parkway project; amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$20,960,822 to appropriate the federal reimbursement funds for this project; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies as a one-reading bill pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Leree Reese, Professional Engineer, noted the proposed will create an off-street pedestrian and bicycle pathway along Grant Avenue between Sunshine Street and College Street, as well as a bicycle route through downtown. She further noted the parkway route will connect the downtown with the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium, and will further connect parks and recreation amenities, neighborhoods, schools, and fill a vital gap in the Ozark Greenways trail network. She added the project will include bike and pedestrian friendly facilities, various traffic-calming improvements, bridge enhancements, utility upgrades, fiber connectivity, and additional crossing and intersection improvements in the community. Ms. Reese noted the proposed allows for federal reimbursement of up to \$20,960,822 for the design, project management, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs associated with the Grant Avenue Parkway project. She further noted the City will contribute a minimum of approximately \$5,240,206, which will be funded through a combination of the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax and the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax, and those funds, approximately \$4,240,206, are already budgeted. She added a portion of the City’s minimum funding will be from a contribution by City Utilities of approximately \$1,000,000 that is not yet budgeted.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the proposed. Ms. Reese noted the proposed needs to be approved by Council regarding the Grant Avenue Parkway project’s funding for U.S. Department of Transportation Form Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with the Missouri Department of Transportation, which is attached as Exhibit A.

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

Council Bill 2021-117. Special Ordinance 27499 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS

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

**Sunderland
Foundation Donation
– Springfield Art
Museum North
Parking
Improvements Project**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-118.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$500,000, from the Sunderland Foundation, and through the Springfield Art Museum Foundation, to support construction of the Art Museum North Parking Improvements Project at the Springfield Art Museum; and amending the budget of the Springfield Art Museum for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$500,000.

Nick Nelson, Director of the Art Museum, gave an overview of the proposed. Mr. Nelson noted the Springfield Art Museum Foundation has received a generous grant from the Sunderland Foundation for the purpose of the design and construction of the Art Museum North Parking Improvements. He further noted the proposed would authorize the acceptance of these funds for this purpose from the Springfield Art Museum Foundation to the City. He added the project is consistent with parking improvements shown within the Art Museum Master Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his appreciation and support for the proposed. He asked for clarification regarding the contact person for other possible future donations to the Art Museum regarding their Master Plan. Mr. Nelson noted individuals may contact him for inquiries. He further noted an individual has been hired to help with fundraising opportunities for the Springfield Art Museum, but they will not start until June 7, 2021.

Councilman Lear expressed his appreciation for the proposed. He further expressed the Sunderland Foundation has been supportive of other projects and thanked them for their dedicated support and investment in the community.

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

The following bills were read and discussed simultaneously.

**Purchase of Land at
237 West Mill Street –
Renew Jordan Creek
Phase I Project**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-119.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for the purchase of land generally located at 237 West Mill Street as part of the Renew Jordan Creek Phase I project and to execute all necessary documents in support thereof. (Staff recommends approval.)

**Purchase of Land –
353 North Campbell
Avenue – Renew
Jordan Creek Phase I
Project**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-120.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for the purchase of land generally located at 353 North Campbell Avenue as part of the Renew Jordan Creek Phase I project and to execute all necessary documents in support thereof. (Staff recommends approval.)

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted these two tracts of property are within the limits of the Renew Jordan Creek from Main to Boonville project. He further noted these two tracts are vital to implementing the community's vision identified in the Jordan Valley Concept Plan to restore the Jordan Creek to a natural condition with adjacent open space, greenway trail, and other public use areas. He added two primary goals for the project are to address flooding and water quality within the Jordan Creek watershed and to create an urban greenway amenity that becomes a destination for downtown and serves as a catalyst for further surrounding development.

Mr. Dunnaway noted Missouri State University (MSU) currently owns these two tracts of property for parking lots. He further noted MSU would continue to utilize these parking areas until the City begins construction, which would occur approximately in 2022. He added acquisition funding for these two tracts will be provided from the level property tax bonds that are already budgeted for this project.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the acquisition costs for the two tracts of property. Mr. Dunnaway noted the purchase price for 237 West Mill Street is \$580,000 and the purchase price for 353 North Campbell Avenue is \$291,500. He further noted based on a memorandum of understanding with MSU, it was also agreed upon to reimburse MSU for the unamortized costs of improvements to the property. He added these improvements consist of a 112-stall parking lot and the amount for reimbursement, based on MSU's continued use of the parking lot until September 1, 2022 is \$121,211 for 353 North Campbell Avenue.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the location of the Jordan Creek in relations to the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway outlined the location of the Jordan Creek with the Council. Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the proposed improvements for these two tracts of property. Mr. Dunnaway noted the two tracts of property would be developed into a combination of green space and plaza areas. He noted City staff would be presenting additional information to Council about the concept plan for the Renew Jordan Creek Phase I project at the upcoming June 1, 2021 Council meeting. He added daylighting would be conducted from Boonville to Main within Phase 1.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked for clarification whether a greenway trail would be constructed within Phase 1. Mr. Dunnaway answered affirmatively.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a representative from MSU is available to address any questions posed by Council. There were no questions posed by Council.

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

**Agreement with the
Missouri Highways
and Transportation
Commission –
Galloway Street
Improvements**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-121.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Governor's Transportation Cost Share Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding construction of the Galloway Street Improvements; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$1,500,000 to appropriate the Governor's Transportation Cost Share funds for this project.

Nicholas Edelman, Professional Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Edelman noted the proposed is a widening project located near Galloway Village between Luster Avenue and Lone Pine Avenue. He further noted the proposed will widen Galloway Street to three lanes, provide roundabout intersections at Galloway and Luster and at Galloway and Lone Pine, provide water quality improvements, and increase walkability. He added the proposed allows for reimbursement of up to 30% of the estimated \$5,000,000 cost for project construction with a maximum reimbursement of approximately \$1,500,000. Mr. Edelman noted the City's 70% share, which is estimated at approximately \$3,500,000, would be funded by the 1/4-Cent capital improvements sales tax and is already budgeted.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification whether the estimated \$5,000,000 costs for the project would include land acquisition monies. Mr. Edelman noted the estimated \$5,000,000 would only be for construction costs regarding the Galloway Street improvements and would not include land acquisition monies. Councilman Lear asked for clarification whether City staff has been working on any possible land acquisition for the proposed. Mr. Edelman answered affirmatively. Councilman Lear asked for clarification whether the rail tracks would be removed during the project construction. Mr. Edelman noted there are no plans currently for removing rail tracks during the project construction. Councilman Lear asked for clarification regarding the start time for construction of the proposed. Mr. Edelman noted City staff is anticipating a start time for construction to begin in Summer of 2022.

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

**Central Street Phase 2
Corridor
Improvements Project
– Bid of D&E
Plumbing & Heating
LLC**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-122.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Central Street Phase 2 Corridor Improvements project; accepting the bid of D&E Plumbing & Heating, LLC, in the amount of \$2,168,223.80 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Nicholas Edelman, Professional Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Edelman noted the proposed converts Central Street from Benton Avenue to Clay Avenue to a complete street with sidewalks, multi-use path, and intersection improvements at Central Street and Drury Lane. He expressed his appreciation to Drury University and Springfield Public Schools for donating property and helping the proposed to move forward. He further noted three bids were received for the proposed, but one of the bids was not considered responsive due to missing information. Mr. Edelman noted D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc. has been selected for the proposed in the amount of \$2,168,223.80. He further noted gas and water utility improvements included in the project total approximately \$359,500, which will be reimbursed by City Utilities.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the two bids being higher than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Edelman noted the two bids received were approximately 14% above the engineers estimate. He further noted there has been an increase in material costs in today's market. He added subcontractors are currently staying extremely busy with work.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification regarding the construction for the proposed. Mr. Edelman outlined the proposed would create a complete street with sidewalks, multi-use path, and intersection improvements at Central Street and Drury Lane.

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

The following appeared on the agenda under Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications.

Cindy Slimp addressed the issue of Gun Violence Awareness Day. Ms. Slimp noted she is with Moms Demand Action and is a gun violence survivor. She further noted Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. She expressed her belief more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in other high-income countries in an entire calendar year. Ms. Slimp asked Council to please consider proclaiming the first Friday in June 2020 as Gun Violence Awareness Day. She encouraged everyone to wear orange on June 4, 2021 to remember and honor the individuals who have been affected or killed due to gun violence in the United States.

The following appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Mayor McClure noted the next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and would like the meeting back open to the public for attendance.

Jason Gage, City Manager, discussed the issue of the pandemic organizational restrictions and protocol. Mr. Gage noted City staff is working on opening back-up the Busch Municipal Building to the public, which will also occur on June 1, 2021.

Mayor McClure asked Anita Cotter, City Clerk, and Mr. Gage to work together regarding the logistics involved with opening-up Council Chambers to the public for their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission – Lone Pine Avenue

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-123.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Road Relinquishment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of accepting a portion of the state highway system along Lone Pine Avenue by quit-claim deed.

Donation of F150 Pickup Truck to Downtown Springfield Association

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-124.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to donate a 1998 Ford F150 pickup truck, #4004, to the Downtown Springfield Association for the purpose of picking up glass from Springfield businesses for recycling.

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

Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Brentwood N/S Community Improvements District

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-125.

A resolution approving the appointment of David Havens and Curtis Jared to the Board of Directors of the Brentwood N/S Community Improvement District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2021-125. Resolution 10581 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

Appointment to the Kansas and Kearney Community Improvement District Board of Directors

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-126.

A resolution approving the appointment of John L. Hulston, John P. Hulston, and Carla Myers to the Kansas and Kearney Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2021-126. Resolution 10582 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

Confirmed

Confirm the following appointments to the Airport Board: Jerry Compton and Landon Lewis with terms to expire June 1, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilwoman Romine moved to Adjourn. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent. Ollis. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 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
Anita Baker