

November 01, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session November 1, 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: Angela Romine, Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis*, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.

*Richard Ollis attended via Zoom.

Minutes

The minutes of October 18, 2021 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 last week Mayor McClure and the Ozarks Performing Arts League announced plans for the upcoming annual tree lighting and holiday show scheduled for Saturday, November 20th. He mentioned the festivities will start on the square at 6:00 p.m. with Selfies with Santa, rides on a free SGF Holiday Express Train, horse-drawn carriage rides and hot chocolate and cookies. Mr. Gage noted pre-recorded musical performances will be projected onto a jumbo screen on the square and on KY3 starting at 7:00 p.m., with the live tree lighting just before 8:00 p.m. He encouraged individuals to join for a live reading of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” at the Park Central Branch Library from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Gage noted on October 27th, the Springfield Art Museum celebrated 75 years as a City-owned and operated community cultural resource. Mayor McClure delivered a proclamation honoring the museum’s artistic, educational, and economic contributions to Springfield and the region’s cultural landscape. He thanked those who came out to celebrate and congratulated Director Nick Nelson and his staff at the art Museum.

Mr. Gage noted the two-time World Champion Springfield Lasers are gearing up for their 26th season of World TeamTennis. He explained earlier this year, World TeamTennis announced the 2021 season will take place November 13th-28th, with all teams playing on location in Indian Wells, California. After 24 seasons of calling Cooper Tennis Complex their home court, the Lasers, along with World TeamTennis’ other eight teams, played the entire 2020 season on location at The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia. Mr. Gage noted through frequent COVID testing and limited contact with visitors, World TeamTennis was one of the first professional sports to establish “the bubble” and return to play during the summer of 2020.

Councilman Hosmer inquired about the provided expenses of councilmembers and asked Mr. Gage if this was accurate information. Mr. Gage explained the report provided to the City Council regarding Councilman Hosmers' request and what other information factors into these types of reports.

Katie Towns, Director of Health provided an update about COVID-19. She noted the rate of new cases in the month of October remained consistent and Springfield saw a decline in the number of hospitalizations. At the end of October, the seven-day average was 36 new cases per day. She noted the Center for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC), which uses COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people to compare case rates, still classifies Greene County as an area of substantial transmission. Today 52% of Greene County residents 12 and older are fully vaccinated and another 5% have received the first dose of the two-dose vaccine. She explained the City continues to see progress on the number of vaccinations given in Greene County. She noted last month Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Springfield Public Schools, and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks vaccinated 183 people during an event at Fremont Elementary. She noted in the first 3 weeks, the Health Department Vaccination Clinic on Battlefield Road administered more than 2,400 vaccinations, most of which have been booster shots. Ms. Towns noted every dose of the vaccine is available at this clinic and encourages people continue to utilize this clinic as a resource.

Ms. Towns emphasized the Health Departments work to research ways to reach the 48% of residents who are not vaccinated because increasing vaccine initiation rates will allow transmissions and hospitalizations of COVID-19 cases to go down and protect us from future variants as the virus changes. She expressed her view that vaccination works and the surge from this summer has shown more of the community being fully vaccinated can help slow future surges of COVID-19 and the variant. She noted areas in Missouri such as Boone County and the St. Louis County, have higher vaccination rates and experienced significantly lower peaks of COVID-19 and the Delta variant. She explained Springfield's vaccination rate is higher now than during the last surge which has had a positive effect on the community. She noted those who recovered from COVID-19 this past summer have some natural immunity which is also slowing the spread of the virus. Early results of a study released on Friday by the CDC continues to show that while natural immunity is robust, it does not last. This study also showed unvaccinated individuals with previous COVID-19 infections were five and a half times more likely to contract COVID-19 three to six months after the infection. As the natural immunity in our community begins to wane, the Health Department anticipates the number of cases to begin to rise again. Ms. Towns expressed the importance to those who are unvaccinated or who have had COVID-19 still receive the vaccination. Ms. Towns noted it is expected later this week children 5-11 will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. She recommended while waiting for final approval of plans for distribution to this age group, parents are encouraged to use this time before the eligibility becomes available to talk with their pediatrician about the decision to vaccinate. She noted the Health Department will continue to ensure both the vaccine and trustworthy reliable information is available to those who need it. Ms. Towns further noted anyone who is needing assistance, has questions, or needs to make an appointment for any of the doses of vaccines can do so by visiting the website

or calling the Springfield-Greene County Health Department Call Center. She noted parents who want to be notified when vaccine appointments are available for those ages 5-11 can also call the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and sign up to receive a text message with a link to the scheduling platform.

Councilwoman Romine noted a meeting she attended by the Health Department. She expressed her appreciation for the information presented about talking with unvaccinated individuals. She thanked Ms. Towns for her time.

Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Towns for her report.

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

**Expansion of
Service for Wrap
Around Care
Program**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-264.

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget in the amount of \$294,450 to appropriate the grant funds from the Board of Education for Springfield School District R-12's Expansion of Service for Wrap Around Care Program for youth attending elementary and middle schools, made possible by \$3.4 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds, to be used in and as part of Park Board's SPARC Before and After-School Programs.

Council Bill 2021-264. Special Ordinance 27591 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Brownfields
Program
Revolving Loan
Fund Policies and
Procedures**

Sponsor Ollis. Council Bill 2021-265.

A special ordinance amending and restating the Brownfields Program Revolving Loan Fund Policies and Procedures to increase program flexibility and adjust loan terms and conditions to reflect current lending market conditions.

Council Bill 2021-265. Special Ordinance 27592 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Sale and Delivery
of Taxable Special
Obligation
Refunding Bonds**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-266

A special ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery by the City of Springfield, Missouri, of Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to refund the Refunded Bonds (as defined below); authorizing and approving certain documents in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency.

Council Bill 2021-266. Special Ordinance 27593 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

School Crossing Guard Program

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-267.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Springfield and the School District of Springfield R-12 to share the costs of a third-party vendor to operate a school crossing guard program inside the city limits of Springfield.

Council Bill 2021-267. Special Ordinance 27594 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

Annexation of Property; 1644, 1684, and 1706 South Zimmer Avenue (Farm Road 129) and 1721 South West Bypass

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-270.

A resolution declaring an intent to initiate annexation of approximately 11.5 acres of private property, generally located at 1644, 1684, and 1706 South Zimmer Avenue (Farm Road 129) and 1721 South West Bypass, and referenced as Annexation A-6-2021, into the City of Springfield. (Staff recommends approval.) (Anderson Engineering, Inc., 1644, 1684 & 1706 S. Farm Road 129 (Zimmer Avenue), A-6-2021)

Brenden Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this area is located near the intersection of West Bypass and Sunshine and is adjacent to the city limits. He further noted this bill is to initiate the annexation of 11.5 acres into the city limits. He further noted if this bill moves forward a public hearing would be held on November 29, 2021.

Mayor McClure emphasized this bill is to express an intent to annex this land into city limits, and once approved would be brought to council for additional approvals within the process.

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

Council Bill 2021-270. Resolution 10604 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

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

**Annexation at 3284
North Mulroy
Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-271.

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits;' and amending Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones;' for the purpose of annexing approximately 2 acres of private property, generally located at 3284 North Mulroy Road, and referenced as Annexation A-5-2021, into the City of Springfield. (Vivian McKenzie, 3284 N. Mulroy Rd., A-5-2021)

Mayor McClure noted Council Bill 2021-271 and Council Bill 2021-272 would be presented together.

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this site is located near Interstate-44 and Mulroy Road and is about 2 acres. He explained the initiation of the proposed annexation was completed in October of this year, is within the Urban Service area, and is adjacent to the city limits. He noted four sides of this area are within the city limits, but the area itself is considered an "island" because it is zoned as Greene-County R-1, suburban residence district area due to the city lines. He explained this area will allow for continued growth and development while maximizing use of existing resources and minimizing the cost to citizens. Mr. Griesemer noted this area is necessary for annexation because it is a location for potential commercial development due to the close proximity of a key highway interchange. He explained this area enhances governmental efficiencies through rational and simplified boundaries. He noted this area is consistent with the Urban Service Area philosophy and city services can be provided to the property.

**Rezoning; 3280
and 3284 North
Mulroy Road;
COD No. 203**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-272.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 32 acres of property generally located at 3280 and 3284 North Mulroy Road from County R-1, Suburban Residence District, and County PAD 933, to HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 203; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (Vivian L. McKinzie & Childress Family LP, 3284 N. Mulroy Rd., Z-19-2021 w/COD #203)

Brenden Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this is the last step in the process for rezoning this area. He further noted the proposed includes the area presented in Council Bill 2021-271. He explained this would allow for rezoning of the area and is appropriate for medium intensity retail, office or housing on the southern half of the property and

low-density housing on the northern half of the property. He noted this area is currently zoned as County R-1 which allows for office, light industrial and warehouse space. Mr. Griesemer further noted the transportation plan classifies Mulroy Road as a primary arterial road and will require on-site stormwater detention, a traffic study at the time of development, 50 feet of right-of-way, sidewalk installation, and a sewer connection fee.

Councilman Hosmer asked with annexation, does Planning and Zoning look at additional coordinating plans to help place the city boundary lines in a more manageable position. Mr. Griesemer noted typically Planning and Zoning does look at additional areas when there is a subdivision nearby. He explained the proposed area includes farmland which the department has not exercised in some time. He further noted Planning and Zoning is currently working to put the city boundaries in a better position.

Mayor McClure expressed his interest in the forthcoming comprehensive plan for the propose.

Christy Brand spoke in opposition of the proposed. She noted her property is up against the proposed area and has been in her family for years. She explained currently her husband runs a business with cattle that utilizes the pond in between her property and the proposed annexation area. She clarified the issues her family faced when the area was originally bull dozed and reseeded by a local farmer. She expressed her concern that the water runoff may contaminate the pond in the area and affect her sewer line and well water. She expressed wanting a soundproof wall installed in this area between her family home and the annexed area to protect her cattle.

Mayor McClure asked Jason Gage, City Manager, if staff could work with Ms. Brand to talk through any other concerns she may have about the proposed. Mr. Gage noted staff will work to facilitate an arrangement between both parties. Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Brand for her comments.

Councilman Lear asked if this area was not annexed and remained zoned as County R-1, would the applicant still be able to proceed as proposed. Brenden Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Zoning explained the City regulation is somewhat more restrictive in guidelines which allows for higher quality standards and would be beneficial for the resident.

John Chamberland, representative for the applicant noted the plans for the land. He explained they would be working to landscape the area in accordance with city requirements. He noted they would look at creating an appropriate screening along the north property line to buffer the development from the property owners. He clarified there are two ponds on the area that are for water detention. He noted in accordance with city regulation, the detention will limit storm water runoff from the site to existing predevelopment conditions. He further noted they would be providing best management practice for water measures as part of the project which should address any water quality issues that have been raised.

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

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 454;
Automobile
Washing Business;
3015 East
Sunshine Street**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-273.

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 454 for the purpose of authorizing an automobile washing business to operate as a conditional use within the GR, General Retail District, generally located at 3015 East Sunshine Street. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (Ozark Motors & Supply Co., 3015 East Sunshine Street, CUP 454)

Brenden Griesemer, Acting Director for Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed is for an automobile washing business. He explained the comprehensive plan is appropriate for medium intensity retail, office, or housing use. He noted the Conditional Use Permit will allow a car wash to be in compliance with the approved site plan. He further noted a buffer yard with a fence will be provided between R-SF and the general retail car wash.

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

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 455;
Walnut Street
Urban
Conservation
District;
307 South National
Avenue**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-274.

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 455 for the purpose of permitting a restaurant to operate as a conditional use within the Walnut Street Urban Conservation District No. 1, Area West, generally located at 307 South National Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (Kirk A. Heyle Trust, 307 South National Avenue, CUP 455)

Brenden Griesemer, Acting Director for Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed is located near McDaniel Street and South National Avenue in a building which was once used as a single-family home. He explained the comprehensive plan is appropriate for medium intensity retail space, office or housing and will require an on-site stormwater detention for this site. He noted the original conditional use permit for a restaurant in this building was approved in 1989. He further noted the stipulation to this location states if the building remains vacant for 12 consecutive months a new conditional use permit is needed to reestablish restaurant use. He mentioned the applicant meets approval standards for the proposed.

Nate Dunville was available to speak on behalf of the applicant. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked what type of restaurant would be at this location. Mr. Dunville noted the restaurant is currently leased to someone who has a business in the Walnut Street District and is wanting to expand.

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

**Petition to
Establish the SGF
Sports Community
Improvement
District**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-275.

A special ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the SGF Sports Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield, the SGF Sports Community Improvement District, and SGF Sports, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the creation of the District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development provided an overview of the proposed. She noted this petition is part of the Community Improvement District Act (CID). She explained CID's are governed by a board of directors and may fund public services and public improvements. She noted CID's may generate revenue by imposing sales tax, property tax, business licenses tax, or special assessments depending on the specifics of the district. Ms. Kerner noted the proposed is over 114 acres of land at the southwest corner of West State Highway 266 and North Airport Boulevard. She noted the proposed projects include off-site public utilities, offsite traffic, on-site public utilities and permits and inspection fees. She explained the proposed District will have the power to impose a sales and use tax at a maximum rate of 1% on all retail sales made within the District that are subject to taxation pursuant to state law. She noted if approved the District will use the tax revenues to reimburse the City for its payment to the Developer for reimbursable CID projects within the District boundaries. She further noted the District will be a political subdivision of the State of Missouri and will have a life of 20 years, or until repayment of reimbursable project cost, whichever occurs first. She mentioned the sales and use property tax for the proposed is estimated to generate \$50,000-\$80,000 by years 3-5 and these funds will be used to reimburse the City of approved CID projects only.

Councilwoman Romine asked for additional clarification if the City pays for the improvements. Ms. Kerner explained the developer builds and pays for the initial improvements. Once the athletic complex is fully built, the City will reimburse up to \$2 million dollars of public improvements. Councilwoman Romine asked where the reimbursement comes from for this project. Ms. Kerner and Jason Gage, City Manager noted the reimbursement would come from the transportation sales tax and capital improvements sales tax.

Councilman Hosmer asked when the City would make the \$2 million contribution. Ms. Kerner noted once the athletic complex is completed. Councilman Hosmer inquired if the payback from the CID would include interest to be paid to the City. Ms. Kerner noted this CID would include interest from sales made in the area under the CID which would be paid to the Department of Revenue and allocated back to the City of Springfield until the full investment was returned.

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

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

**Amending the
General Fund; FY
2021-2022; Costco
Wholesale
Corporation**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-276.

A special ordinance amending the budgets of the General Fund, the 2019-2024 1/4-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund, and the 2021-2025 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to appropriate funds in the amount of \$611,000 to reimburse Costco Wholesale Corporation for total payments due in Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 pursuant to the City's Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement.

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development provided an overview of the proposed. She explained this bill is to add into the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement approved by Special Ordinance 27335 on June 15, 2020. She noted this agreement was for the City to use a portion of the sales taxes generated by the new development of Costco to pay the developer back for construction of some required public improvements including the relocation of Eastgate Avenue to the east, building Olive Street from Eastgate to Pebble Beach Avenue, modification of the existing traffic signal at Eastgate and Chestnut Expressway, and stormwater improvements associated with public right-of-way. She noted the proposed is a request to approve a budget adjustment to appropriate funds to fulfill the City's obligation under the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement for fiscal year 2021-2022 for \$611,000. She further noted future appropriations will be included in the annual budget.

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

**HOME- American
Rescue Plan;
Amendment to
HUD; FY 2021-
2022**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-277.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the City of Springfield's allocation of \$3,805,703 of HOME-American Rescue Plan grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the grant agreement as an amendment to the Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$3,805,703 for the purpose of appropriating these funds.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator provided an overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed is part of the American Rescue Plan Act that allocated \$5 billion to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund homeless programs. He explained the regulations put into place for receiving these funds which included certain restrictions. He noted the City of Springfield's allotted amount of monies is \$3,805,703 and are allocated utilizing a format for the HOME Grant Program. Mr. Jones further noted HUD created a new Grant Program, HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), that included instructions for the HOME program, additional guidelines, and specific activities these funds could be used towards. He explained the HOME-ARP can be utilized for affordable rental development, rent assistance, homeless support services provided through non-profit agencies, and to develop non-congregate shelters. He

noted these funds are for qualifying populations which include homeless, at-risk homelessness, those fleeing or attempting to flee violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking, and other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness. He noted for this particular grant, administration has to develop a detailed allocation plan and will require a community assessment of the agencies working with these qualifying populations. Mr. Jones explained the process administration would have to go through to receive this grant. He noted due to the lengthy process to apply for these monies a plan is still in development and is expected by early 2022. He further noted the proposed is to accept the grant to initiate the input for the Allocation Plan.

Mayor McClure inquired about the process for this grant. He noted the Council received the regulations from HUD in September. He further noted the appropriate guidance listed six categories for the utilization of these funds. He asked for clarification if the next step in the process would be to solicit public input. Mr. Jones explained the biggest part of this process will be the consultation with the different non-profit agencies that are working with the homeless population. Mayor McClure asked if a suggested plan of expenditures would be made to be split among those six categories. Mr. Jones noted a suggested plan for these monies would be made in addition to data to support the recommendations for allocating these funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson inquired about the status of a previous grant approved by City Council. He asked if there is an opportunity to coordinate spending between the proposed and the approved grant to maximize the usage of both funds. Mr. Jones responded there would be an opportunity for both grants to be used concurrently on bigger projects for homeless services.

Councilwoman Romine asked if the consultation with the non-profit organizations for the proposed plan are not met, would City Council be able to vote no if needed. Mr. Jones noted City Council can at any time during this process vote no. He explained the consultation with the non-profit organizations is a required portion of this plan. He noted this includes letting HUD know the details and results of the input for those organizations. Councilwoman Romine expressed her desire to see a detailed plan for the proposed to ensure the goals and guidelines are met. She noted this detailed plan could help the future success of other grants.

Mayor McClure clarified the proposed is authorizing the acceptance of the funds which are not able to be spent until there is a HUD approved plan.

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

**Agreement to
Update Advanced
Traffic
Management
System Software**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-278.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., for the development, implementation and maintenance of updated Advanced Traffic Management System software and hardware to be operated

by the Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Springfield at the Transportation Management Center of the Ozarks for traffic management and traveler information services throughout the regional roadway network.

Tom Dancy, Traffic Engineer provided an overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed would authorize the City to partner with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MoDOT) in the upgraded maintenance of the traffic management system software utilized with Transport Management Center (TMC) of the Ozarks. He explained this software is used for incident management, traffic management, and traveler information for road work and special events. He further noted this would be used for traffic monitoring camera control and video loop programming such as City View and other traffic related incidents. He explained the information that is received through this software provides data to external partners. He noted MoDOT is the lead agency on this project with the existing software and contract vendor. He further noted due to this contract coming to an end, solicitations were sent out to the St. Louis TMC and Springfield TMC software vendors. He explains this is important because St. Louis TMC takes over the night monitoring in Springfield and would like to have the same software platform to share information. The City of Springfield participated in the selection for the requested software. Mr. Dancy noted this enhanced software would provide greater efficiency for operators to respond to incidents, to preprogram special events that are known in advance about roadway construction, and enhanced mapping capabilities.

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

**Amending the
Salary Ordinance;
Supplemental Pay
Program;
Occupational
Series Market Pay**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-279.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2.92, known as the ‘Salary Ordinance,’ relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service as contained in the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non-Union Schedule and the Crafts, Trades and Labor Non-Union Schedule by making provision for nine new job titles and deleting one existing job title; authorizing the City Manager, in connection with the Director of Human Resources, to administratively establish and implement a commission-based supplemental pay program for specific designated positions; establishing a new Occupational Series market pay adjustment for specific golf pro positions; and amending the Salary Ordinance to clarify the City Manager’s authority to increase the Occupational Series market pay adjustments for all occupational series groups.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources provided an overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed addresses three major components for Human Resources related matters. She explained the first component requests the addition of nine new job titles and the deletion of one job title. She noted the job title additions and deletions are recommended on department organizational changes and job studies completed by Human Resources. She noted the second component is the recommendation to establish and implement a commission based supplemental pay program for specific and designated positions in the Parks Department. Ms. Morrison

further noted the last component is to clarify the occupational series market pay adjustment program which grants the City Manager discretion to increase occupational series market adjustments by up to 5% annually and cumulatively and to establish a new occupational series market pay adjustment for specific golf pro positions. She noted all cost to the bill was adopted in the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and no new monies are being requested as part of this bill.

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

**Amending
Springfield City
Code “Elections”;
Candidates for
City Council
Sworn Affidavit**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-280.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code Chapter 46, ‘Elections,’ to add a new Section 46-9, ‘Statement of candidacy - candidate affidavits,’ for the purpose of requiring candidates for City Council to make a sworn affidavit they possess the qualifications for office required by the City’s Charter, the Springfield City Code, and state law.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney provided an overview of the proposed. She noted the City’s Charter and State law set certain requirements and qualifications a candidate for City Council must have in order to qualify for office. She further noted for years as a matter of practice, the City has required City Council candidates to submit an affidavit stating they possess those qualifications for office. She explained there is no mechanism in place to penalize candidates for providing false information in the affidavit. Therefore the proposed would require candidates for City Council to make an affidavit they possess the qualifications required by the Charter, the City Code, and State law at the time of filing their statement of candidacy. Ms. Lewsader noted the affidavit would have to be in writing, made under oath, and sworn before the City Clerk. She further noted if this change is made in the city code, it would allow persons who make a false affidavit regarding their qualifications to be prosecuted under state law depending on the other elements of the charge, and if sufficient evidence exists.

Councilman McGull asked if there would be a standardized affidavit that includes the essential elements for this bill. Ms. Lewsader noted that information would be part of this code revision.

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

**Springfield Art
Museum Budget
2021-2022; Art
Museum North
Parking
Improvements
Project**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-281.

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield Art Museum for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$121,000 to appropriate fund balance reserves from the Art Museum Special Project Fund; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$200,000 to appropriate fund balance reserves from the 1/4-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax to support

construction of the Art Museum North Parking Improvements Project at the Springfield Art Museum.

Nick Nelson, Director of the Springfield Art Museum provided an overview of the proposed. He noted as part of the Art Museum's Master Plan, parking would be moved to the north side of the property. He explained earlier in the year, the City and the Springfield Art Museum accepted a gift of \$500,000 from a donor to cover the cost of this project. He noted the design of this project was completed spring of 2020 and request for bids were sent out this past summer. Mr. Nelson further noted due to the bids being higher than anticipated, the museum is using reserves from its special projects fund. He noted the Art Museum has 1/4 cent sales tax improvement funds available to make up the difference between the project budget and the bid costs. He further noted the proposed is a budget adjustment to allow the City and Museum to utilize these funds to accept the bid to complete the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson complimented Mr. Nelson on hosting the Springfield Contemporary Theatre performances. He asked Jason Gage, City Manager if there was anything that could be done for the residents that have been affected by the extended road closure on Brookshire Drive. Mr. Gage noted the closure is related the recent storm water project. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works noted his department would take a look at these issues which include safety from the excavation in the area.

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

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

Withdrew

Clifford Van Natta did not appear to address City Council.

Chris Washam provided comments to the City Council for a request to City Utilities. He noted he lives within Springfield city limits and utilizes City sewer services. Mr. Washam expressed his desire to have City water services in his area.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Recommended

The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Gerald Lee with term to expire November 29, 2022.

Recommended

The Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Dr. Kaleen Long, Brandy Harris, Chris Jarratt, and Dr. Elizabeth Andrews with terms to expire November 29, 2024.

Recommended

The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Thomas Kondro with term to expire January 1, 2024.

Recommended

The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Austin Simpson as an alternate with term to expire January 1, 2026.

Recommended The City Manager recommends the following reappointment to the Board of Adjustment: Steven Jackson with term to expire January 1, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

- Preliminary Plat of Cottle's Range Subdivision; 3280 and 3284 North Mulroy Road** Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-282.
- A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Cottle's Range Subdivision, generally located at 3280 and 3284 North Mulroy 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.) (Childress Family LP & Vivian L. McKinzie, 3280 N Mulroy Road, Preliminary Plat of Cottle's Range Subdivision)
- Preliminary Plat of Mercy Villa; 1100 East Montclair Street** Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-283.
- A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Mercy Villa, generally located at 1100 East Montclair Street, 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.) (St. John's Regional Health Center, 1100 East Montclair Street, Preliminary Plat of Mercy Villa)
- Preliminary Plat of Murray's Hickory Village Subdivision; 636 South Missouri Avenue** Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-284.
- A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Murray's Hickory Village Subdivision, generally located at 636 South Mission Avenue, 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.) (Hickory Village 55 Plus LLC, 636 South Mission Avenue, Preliminary Plat of Murray's Hickory Village Subdivision)

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

Confirmed

Confirm the following reappointment to the Art Museum Board: Matt Edwards, with a term to expire June 1, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilwoman Romine seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes. McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, and McClure. Nays. Hosmer. Absent. None. Abstain. None. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 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
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