

November 29, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session November 29, 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.

Mayor McClure recognized Professor Jeff VanDenBerg from Drury College and his Civic Leadership Political Action class and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Roll Call Present: Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear*, Heather Hardinger, Angela Romine, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.

Clerk's Note: *Indicates participation via videoconferencing.

Minutes The minutes of November 15, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, November 16, 2021 City Council Meeting, and November 23, 2021 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

With no further questions or comments, the consent agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Jason Gage, City Manager noted the Springfield Police Department has produced its annual calendar, featuring the history of the department. City Council were provided a calendar and additional copies are available by contacting the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement. Residents may recycle string lights and used items through donation, reducing the amount in the landfill. For additional information about recycling, visit springfieldmo.gov.

He further noted the Departments of Economic Vitality and Public Information and Civic Engagement will host a ribbon cutting celebrating the new home of NAMI Southwest Missouri at 4:45 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2021 at 819 N. Boonville. United States Senator Roy Blunt and Mayor McClure will speak. The Economic Vitality Department assisted through the Brownfields Program, with an environmental assessment for the property prior to purchase, and a HUD-funded commercial loan for acquisition in the amount of \$417,132.60 for NAMI's new building.

Mr. Gage noted the Workforce Development Program issued a podcast conducting an interview with Dr. Marty Leathers, speaking to the lack of workforce. This podcast can be found at cityview.mo.gov.

The Finance Department provided a three-page summary report of the General Fund revenues and expenditures for October month-end, the fourth month of FY2021-22.

Mr. Gage provided an update regarding various community events.

The annual Local Delegate Legislative Briefing scheduled for December 8 at 7 a.m. at the Springfield Art Museum.

The Springfield Downtown Christmas Parade will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. Those wishing to ride on the City of Springfield float need to contact Cora Scott.

The highly anticipated Candy Cane Lane opens at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park Dec. 3 and runs each weekend until Dec. 19. The hours are 5-8 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per car-load.

The Gardens Aglow, a botanical-themed light festival in Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. The third annual event runs 5-8:30 p.m. weekends through Jan. 1. Admission is \$5/adult; \$2/child ages 3-12; and kids 2 and under are free. View full schedule at FriendsOfTheGarden.org.

Police Chief Report

Paul Williams, Police Chief gave an update on recruiting and retention, and crime prevention and reduction initiatives. Chief Williams noted there were 387 applicants with 180 applicants testing. The next academy class has 16 participants with 10 additional offers and 6 applicants in the background check process. The goal for the academy class is 25-30 participants. The lateral academy goal is 4 per year. A nationwide campaign will begin December 1, 2021. Chief Williams noted there are 50 vacant positions in the department with 6 officers to retire in the next two months.

Councilman McGull asked the length of the academy class, the number of lateral hires allowed, and the length of training for a lateral hire. Chief Williams noted the academy is six months with three additional months field training. Recruits will be in the field in approximately a year. Lateral hires have approximately 2-6 weeks of training and there is no limit to how many lateral officers can be hired. Councilman Hosmer asked how many retired officers will return to the department. Chief Williams anticipates 2-4 returning officers. Councilman Ollis asked the average attrition rate. Chief Williams noted it is 7.5% (22 people), which has recently increased to 33 people. Mr. Ollis noted to replace to desired numbers would take approximately 7 years. Chief Williams noted with the nationwide campaign, it is hopeful to increase the numbers more quickly.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked about progress with increasing diversity in the department. Chief Williams noted the following for the applicants, 89% were white and 85% were men. The goal is to reach the census numbers in the community for diversity, and the nationwide average for women in the field which is 12.5%.

Chief Williams spoke on crime prevention and reduction initiatives. He noted 30 arrests regarding municipal offenses of trespassing, stealing, simple assault, and pedestrian safety violations. A warrant task force has been created with 12 arrests and 39 voluntary resolutions. The jail capacity daily average is 13. This will be monitored daily. In a two week period, Fixed License Plate Reader Cameras have generated 6

arrests, facilitated recovery of 4 stolen cars, and provided assistance to Greene County and other agencies.

Councilman McGull asked if the Rapid Access Unit through Burrell Behavioral Health had been utilized. Chief Williams noted 9% of those seen at the unit come via the Police Department. Using the unit takes approximately 15-20 minutes of the officer's time as opposed to booking an individual in jail which can take up to two hours, or using the emergency room, which can take up to four hours.

Councilman Hosmer asked about "book and release" and effectiveness of the Courts. Chief Williams noted individuals undergoing "book and release" are taken to the jail, booked, then released. For "cite and release", a citation is issued by the arresting officer stating the individual must appear in court on the specified date, and the person is released. Chief Williams expressed he has had no issue with Municipal Court.

Councilman Ollis expressed his belief enforcement leads to compliance with laws. He is thankful for the work of the police force.

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

**Redevelopment Plan
for the Beverly Lofts
Redevelopment Area**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-288

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Beverly Lofts Redevelopment Area, generally located along the north side of East Cherry Street near the intersection of Cherry Street and Kimbrough Avenue; authorizing certain tax abatements within the Redevelopment Area; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amended and Restated 353 Redevelopment Agreement with the Redevelopment Corporation, relating to the implementation of the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan. (The Planning and Zoning Commission and City Staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-288. Special Ordinance 27606 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Springfield City
Code, Chapter 36,
'Land Development
Code**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-289

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 36, 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 5, 'Supplemental District Regulations,' Section 36-454 - 'Signs,' Subsection (19), 'Interstate Highway Commercial Sign District' to rename the subsection, add a new area to the subsection, and reorganize the subsection to provide clarity regarding the application of subsection.

Council Bill 2021-289. General Ordinance 6694 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Springfield City
Code, Chapter 2,
'Administration,'
Article VI,
"Finances,"
Division 4, "Police
Officers' and Fire
Fighters' Retirement
System,"**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-290

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article VI, "Finances," Division 4, "Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System," Section 2-444, "Board of trustees established; membership; election of members" to allow for electronic elections.

Council Bill 2021-290. General Ordinance 6695 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Romine. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Schedule of
Equipment No. 3;
Master Equipment
Lease Purchase
Agreement**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-291

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Schedule of Equipment No. 3, which will become a part of its existing Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of acquiring equipment for the City and to do all things necessary to carry out the lease-purchase transaction, including the execution of certain documents in connection therewith; and amending the budget of the City for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$705,755.

Council Bill 2021-290. Special Ordinance 27607 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Romine. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Special Obligation
Refunding Bonds,
Series 2022**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-292

A special ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery by the City of Springfield, Missouri, of Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, in a principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to refund the City's Special Obligation Bonds (Sewer System Improvements Project) Series 2012; 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 2021-292. Special Ordinance 27608 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Springfield City
Code, Chapter 2,
“Administration,”
Article VI,
“Finances,”
Division 4, “Police
Officers’ and Fire
Fighters’ Retirement
System**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-294

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article VI, “Finances,” Division 4, “Police Officers’ and Fire Fighters’ Retirement System,” by establishing a new Section 2-484, “In Service Distributions After Retirement and Rehire,” and revising certain other sections to authorize in-service distributions to certain retirees.

Councilman Hosmer asked if retired police officers that served the City of Springfield would be eligible for the ARPA funded retention pay. Jason Gage, City Manager noted a retired officer can apply for rehire. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney noted the proposed enables the rehiring of retired officers instead of them seeking employment elsewhere and does not address the ARPA retention pay issue.

Council Bill 2021-294. General Ordinance 6696 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Brownfields
Hazardous and
Petroleum
Assessments and
Cleanup Planning**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-298

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct Brownfields Hazardous and Petroleum Assessments and Cleanup Planning citywide.

Olivia Hough, Senior City Planner, was called to speak. The grant is for a three year period and will provide funds to use for Phase I and II Environmental Assessments, cleanup, redevelopment planning for sites and use in target areas. She noted there is no cost sharing and no cost to the City.

Councilman Ollis thanked Ms. Hough and City staff for pursuing grants and for their past and future work. Ms. Hough expressed her appreciation.

Council Bill 2021-298. Resolution 10609 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, 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.

Mayor McClure asked Ms. Cotter to read Council 2021-299 and Council Bill 2021-300 together.

Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and amending Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-299

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 11.5 acres of private property and approximately 0.1 acre of Greene County right-of-way generally located at 1644, 1684, and 1706 South Zimmer Avenue (Farm Road 129) and 1721 South West Bypass, into the City of Springfield. (By; Bibi Development & Investment, LLC; 1644,1684, & 1706 Zimmer Avenue (Farm Road 129) and 1721 W. Bypass; A-6-2021).

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-300

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 11.5 acres of property generally located at 1644, 1684, and 1706 South Zimmer Avenue (Farm Road 129) and 1721 South West Bypass from County C-2, General Commercial District, to GR, General Retail District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 205; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By; Bibi Development & Investment, LLC; 1644,1684, & 1706 Zimmer Avenue (Farm Road 129) and 1721 W. Bypass; Z-21-2021 w/COD #205).

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development presented. He noted the proposed contains two parcels are within the Urban Service Area. The area is at a key highway interchange, Fire and Police can serve the area, and the area is contiguous and compact. He further noted the area is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, consistent with Urban Service Area philosophy, and City services can be provided to the property.

Councilman Schilling asked if Bibi Development & Investment is the owner and what they have in mind for the property. Mr. Griesemer noted he believes Bibi Development & Investment is the owner and a retail development has been discussed.

Mr. Griesemer noted the property is appropriate for housing on the northern parcel and retail on the southern parcel. There is a stream buffer on northeast side and stormwater detention will be required. A traffic study, sidewalk along Zimmer, sewer connection fee, and stream buffer easement will also be required.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Shannon Edmondson spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Edmondson noted her family owns a neighboring property. She expressed those affected should be considered. She expressed her opposition to the proposed.

Wes Weimer spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Weimer expressed he was present to represent Anderson Engineering. He noted the property is adjacent to City limits and they have been working with City staff. He is available for questions.

Councilwoman Romine asked if zoning needed to be changed. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 457:
Automobile
Washing Business**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-301

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 457 for the purpose of permitting an automobile washing business to operate as a conditional use within the GR – General Retail District, generally located at 211 West Battlefield Road. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Choong Properties LLC; 211 West Battlefield Road; Conditional Use Permit 457).

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development presented. He noted the business is appropriate for the area, and Stormwater Detention and Traffic Impact Study will be required. A representative for the applicant is available to answer questions.

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

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 458:
Body, Fender
Repair, and Paint
Shop**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-302

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 458 for the purpose of permitting a body and fender repair and paint shop as a conditional use within the HC – Highway Commercial District, generally located at 1825 West Kingsley Street. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Alcancia, Elpidio Y Rev Inter Vivos Trust; Conditional Use Permit 458)

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development presented. Mr. Griesemer noted no traffic impact study is needed. On-site stormwater detention is provided. The shop is compliant with the site plan.

Mayor McClure asked what business is on the south side of the proposed. Mr. Griesemer noted there is an auto shop to the south and a car wash nearby. A representative for the applicant is available to answer questions.

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

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

Springfield City Code, Chapter 54, 'Fire Prevention and Protection,' Article II, 'Fire Prevention Code,' Section 54-32, 'Amendments and additions,' Section 903.4.1

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-303

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 54, 'Fire Prevention and Protection,' Article II, 'Fire Prevention Code,' Section 54-32, 'Amendments and additions,' Section 903.4.1, relating to monitoring of sprinkler systems.

David Pennington, Fire Chief presented. He noted any building undergoing renovation or change of use of occupancy would be required to comply with this section of the code. Chief Pennington noted exemptions for areas undergoing redevelopment may be allowed. He further noted the proposed has been extensively vetted through discussion with contractors.

Councilman Ollis asked if Insurance Services Office (ISO) had been consulted. Chief Pennington affirmed and noted compliance with this Code would create improvements.

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

Springfield City Code Chapter 106, 'Traffic and Vehicles,' amending Section 106-70

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-304

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code Chapter 106, 'Traffic and Vehicles,' by amending Section 106-70, 'Traffic division established; duties,' for the purpose of establishing a duty of the traffic division to respond to all reported traffic accidents on public streets or public property.

Jason Gage, City Manager presented. He noted the amendment would require the Springfield Police Department to respond to all traffic accidents on public streets or public property. Mr. Gage noted Chief Williams is present to answer any questions. He then asked Councilman Hosmer to speak on the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer noted the police have a duty to protect and to serve. He further noted the increasing number of motor fatalities that have occurred and expressed belief police should respond to all accidents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Simpson asked Mr. Gage if the proposed amendment was a staff or committee recommendation, and criteria must be met for police to respond. Mr. Gage noted a bill can be drafted or sponsored at a councilmembers request without any staff study. Chief Williams noted police do respond if there is injury or threat to well-being. He clarified there is a duty of citizens to report crashes. Citizens are encouraged to report on their own if criteria are met and this process saves time. He noted the Police

Department establishes priorities and minor traffic accidents do qualify as a top priority.

Councilman Schilling expressed his belief there is important information could be missed when officers do not respond to traffic accidents. Chief Williams noted all information is added to the citizen report and if any impairment is noticed, the officer will respond. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works noted the citizen reported information is reviewed and can be helpful to the department. Chief Williams further noted citizen reporting is used for “fender bender” type accidents and only when both parties are agreeable.

Councilman McGull expressed his belief it is desirable to have police response to accidents and would prefer the proposed to be effective after the department is more fully staffed. Chief Williams noted due to staffing vacancies, it is priority to have officers only respond to higher priority crime.

Councilwoman Romine noted she has received feedback from constituents expressing frustration in dealing with insurance companies without a police report. Ms. Romine noted she would agree it is desirable to have police respond to every accident but would wait until staffing issues have improved before considering change in policy.

Councilwoman Hardinger expressed her thanks to Chief Williams for coming to speak. She noted priority should be to respond to violent crime. Ms. Hardinger asked for clarification on police response to accidents if requested by a citizen. Chief Williams noted an officer will respond if requested. She expressed her belief the issue needs more research.

Councilman Ollis expressed his belief the staffing issue is not a short term issue and citizens have expressed preference for response to high priority crimes. Mr. Ollis expressed his preference to wait until the department is fully staffed before adopting a policy change.

Councilman Lear asked for response times for a low priority accident. Chief Williams noted minor traffic accidents have 1-2.5 hours response time. If a citizen reports they feel unsafe the response is approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Mr. Lear expressed his belief it is not the role of City Council to set policy at this level, but City Council is to set directives.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the number of tickets written in traffic accidents. Mr. Hosmer expressed his belief to reduce crime in Springfield the department needs to be proactive. Chief Williams noted approximately 25% of accidents result in a citation and an officer will respond if there is any concern.

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

**Springfield City
Code, Section 2-92,
known as the
'Salary Ordinance'**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-305

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, 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 Schedules by making a provision for one new job title; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget of certain City departments, including the Airport, Parks, and Public Works, to reallocate funds to transition 15 contract positions to 15 full-time equivalent positions and adjusting the authorized employee positions.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources presented. Ms. Morrison noted all changes are part of the current operating budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and includes addition of one new job title and transition of 15 contract positions to 15 full-time equivalent positions.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to suspend the rules to allow Council Bills 2021-306 through 2021-310 to be read out of order so 2021-306, 2021-308, 2021-309, and 2021-310 could be read together with 2021-307 to be read last. Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor McClure asked Ms. Cotter to read Council Bills 2021-306, 2021-308, 2021-309, and 2021-310 together.

**Collective
Bargaining
Agreement
between the City
and the Southern
Missouri
Professional Fire
Fighters Local 152:
Juneteenth**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-306

A special ordinance approving the First Addendum to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Fire Department, which adds Juneteenth as an additional recognized holiday; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the First Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative.

**Collective
Bargaining
Agreement
between the City
and the Springfield
Police Officers'**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-308

A special ordinance approving the First Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers' Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22 ("SPOA"), the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Police Department

Association: Juneteenth	to, among other things, add Juneteenth as a recognized holiday; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the First Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative.
Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753: (“CTL”) Employee Group, Juneteenth	Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-309 A special ordinance approving the Third Amendment to the July 1, 2019, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor (“CTL”) Employee Group, which adds Juneteenth as an additional recognized holiday; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Third Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative.
Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO (“IBEW”): (“PAT”) Employee Group, Juneteenth	Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-310 A special ordinance approving the First Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO (“IBEW”), the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit consisting of limited employees within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical (“PAT”) Employee Group, which adds Juneteenth as an additional recognized holiday; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the First Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative. Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources presented. The recommended changes add Juneteenth as a recognized holiday to be observed on June 19th each year. The negotiations with the police union added the uniformed operations division going to twelve hour shifts, a change in their work period, and a change to becoming an overtime department instead of a comp time department. An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.
Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-91, known as the Merit System Rules and Regulation (“Merit Rules”), by	Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-307 A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-91, known as the Merit System Rules and Regulation (“Merit Rules”), by amending portions of the Merit Rules, specifically Merit Rules 2.2 (Coverage and Amendment of Rules); 4.1 (Constitution); 5.2 (Minimum Qualifications for Filing); 5.3 (Filing Applications); 5.4 (Disqualification of Applicants); 9.2 (Conditions Preliminary to Regular Status); 12.7 (Retirement); 13.5 (Grievance Procedure); 16.2 (Preparation and Content of Class Specifications); 17.5 (Total

**amending portions
of the Merit Rules**

Remuneration); 18.1 (Entrance Salary Rates); 18.2 (Advancement within a Salary Range); 20.1 (Compensation for Absence on Holidays) to add Juneteenth as an additional recognized holiday; 21.1 (Vacation Leave); 21.2 (Sick Leave); and 24.2 (Allowances for the Use of Privately Owned Vehicles on City Business); and establishing an effective date for said Merit Rule changes (Merit Rules changes requiring Personnel Board approval have been approved by the Personnel Board).

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources presented the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted this bill reflects the change for non-union employees to add Juneteenth as a recognized holiday.

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

**Pictometry
International
Corporation to
purchase aerial
imagery in 2022,
2024, and 2026**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-311

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into a contract with Pictometry International Corporation to purchase aerial imagery in 2022, 2024, and 2026; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into individual cooperative intergovernmental agreements with City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, Christian and Greene counties in Missouri, the cities of Nixa, Ozark, and Republic, Missouri, and the Ozarks Transportation Organization to share the costs of such aerial imagery; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$286,927.02 for the 2022 aerial imagery.

Nathan Huggins, Geographical Information System and Asset Systems Manager presented. Mr. Huggins noted the imagery is the primary base map for Geographical Information System (GIS) system and is important to City safety and operations. The project will capture 1283 square miles and is a cost share endeavor with City Utilities, Greene County, and the cities of Nixa, Ozark, and Republic, which result in substantial savings to the City.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding this imagery being a normal occurrence. Mr. Huggins answered affirmatively.

Councilman McGull asked if the imagery is used to determine property growth in Springfield. Mr. Huggins noted Greene County uses the images for this purpose.

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

**Agreements with
the Ozark Region
Workforce
Development
Board (“Board”)
and the Council of
Local Elected
Officials
 (“CLEO”)**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-312

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into agreements with the Ozark Region Workforce Development Board (“Board”) and the Council of Local Elected Officials (“CLEO”) to outline the responsibilities of the Board, CLEO, and City regarding the City’s designation as the fiscal agent, fund recipient, and operator of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs.

Sally Payne, Director of Workforce Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Payne noted the bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee, to enter into agreements with the “Board” and “CLEO” and the agreements outline the duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the law. She thanked City staff for their work.

Mayor McClure commended Workforce Development for their work, as the process is very complicated.

Councilwoman Romine commended Ms. Payne for her detailed presentations.

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

Mayor McClure reminded those in attendance to adhere to the rules and time limits while speaking.

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

Did Not Appear

Daryl Baker did not appear to address City Council.

Appeared

Debra Kay Barker addressed City Council. Ms. Barker commented on her experience growing up with the current City flag. She expressed her preference that input regarding changing the City flag be more available to those who do not use computer. Ms. Barker expressed the timing of the proposed City flag was not beneficial for all citizens. Ms. Barker noted the cost savings to not changing the flag and her opposition to changing the flag.

Appeared

Laura Wilson addressed City Council. Ms. Wilson expressed her opposition to the location of the Revive 66 campground. She presented photos for City Council review. Ms. Wilson noted she does not feel safe using local businesses or the local park due to homeless individuals from the campground remaining in the area throughout the day. Ms. Wilson asked City Council to address the issue.

Did Not Appear

William Leftwich did not appear to address City Council.

- Appeared** Mary Hasler addressed City Council. Ms. Hasler expressed her opposition to the Revive 66 campground. Ms. Hasler noted she no longer uses the local park due to safety issues and has trouble using area businesses due to the influx of homeless individuals.
- Appeared** John Gray addressed City Council. Mr. Gray noted the importance of citizen participation. He noted homelessness as a priority and would like American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used to address homelessness. Mr. Gray thanked City Council for their attention to this matter.
- Appeared** Mackenzie McCance addressed City Council. Ms. McCance expressed her thanks to City Council. Ms. McCance noted the impending cold weather and the immediate need in the community for emergency shelter funding. Ms. McCance asked City Council to consider using ARPA funds for cold weather shelters for the homeless.
- Appeared** Alexis Scott addressed City Council. Ms. Scott thanked City Council for the opportunity to speak. She noted the need to address mental health needs of the homeless. Ms. Scott requested Council consider using a portion of the ARPA funds to address this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended** The Committee of the Whole recommends the following appointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Steven Edwards and Matthew Stublefield with terms to expire December 1, 2024.
- Recommended** The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Scott Bratcher, Kristin Carter, and Lynn Rowe with terms to expire December 1, 2024.
- Recommended** The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau: Callie Linville with term to expire January 1, 2025.
- Recommended** The Mayor recommends the following reappointments to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau: Missy Handyside and Tim Rosenbury with terms to expire January 1, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Agreement for Encroachment License with Springfield Little Theater: Heat Mat

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-313

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement for Encroachment License with Springfield Little Theater, for the purpose of allowing an encroachment onto City rights-of-way for the placement of a sidewalk heat mat in front of the property located at 311 East Walnut Street, under the same terms and conditions as encroachments are permitted on City rights-of-way under Chapter 98, Article VII of the Springfield City Code.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks to help fund the 2022 Kindergarten Readiness Study

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2021-314

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,500 from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to help fund the 2022 Kindergarten Readiness Study conducted by the Mayor's Commission for Children in collaboration with Missouri State University.

2022 Kindergarten Readiness Study: Grant Funds

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2021-315

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Musgrave Foundation and administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to help fund the 2022 Kindergarten Readiness Study conducted by the Mayor's Commission for Children in collaboration with Missouri State University.

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

Honorable Wendy E. Garrison: Springfield Municipal Court Judge

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2021-316

A resolution reelecting the Honorable Wendy E. Garrison as a Springfield Municipal Court Judge for a term of four years.

Council Bill 2021-298. Resolution 10610 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

**City Utilities to
Dispose of
Property; 614 West
Division Street**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-295.

A special ordinance authorizing City Utilities to dispose of approximately 0.17 acres of property generally located at 614 West Division Street (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval)

Council Bill 2021-295. Special Ordinance 27609 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Simspon moved to Adjourn. Councilwoman Romine seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes. Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, and McClure. Nays. Hosmer. Absent. None. Abstain. None. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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