

May 31, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session May 31, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. Mayor McClure noted Pitts Chapel was defaced with a racial slur and thanked church leadership and the NAACP for highlighting the incident and thanked the Springfield Police Department and Park Rangers for quickly removing the slur. Mayor McClure acknowledged Springfield stands as one community with the residents of Uvalde, Texas, and called for continued remembrance of the nation of Ukraine.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis*, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Monica Horton, Abe McGull, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.
*Attended via Zoom.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 16, 2022, City Council Meeting and the May 24, 2022, Special City Council Meeting were considered. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Horton and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, swore in Juan Meraz to the Airport Board. Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Meraz for his willingness to serve.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted Mayor McClure will present the annual State of the City Address at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, at Evangel University's Robert H. Spence Chapel, as part of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's Good Morning, Springfield! program. The event can be viewed at cityview.springfieldmo.gov, and the full transcript will be provided online.

Mr. Gage noted City of Springfield staff and Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan consultants Houseal Lavigne Associates will present an update to City Council June 3rd from noon-4 p.m., at Ozark Technical Community College's Lincoln Hall meeting room. The presentation will include an overview and chapter review of the draft plan. The presentation is open to the public, and a recording of the workshop will be available following the presentation at cityview.springfieldmo.gov and ForwardSGF.com.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation, will host the 41st Annual Kids Fishing Fun Day on Saturday, June 4, at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146, in Springfield.

This free event is designed to teach kids how to fish and encourage them to put their new skills to work throughout the summer.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the Springfield Police Department has coordinated with the Springfield Public Schools to be prepared for an active shooter situation, noting there have been 250 mass shootings in the country this year, and many of the shooters were under the age of 21. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the City should be more proactive. Mr. Gage responded the City is available to be a resource for Springfield Public Schools when needed. He noted time can be scheduled with City staff at any time to discuss the issue.

Councilman McGull noted the Department of Health and Human Services established a new Environmental Justice Office. Mr. McGull asked Mr. Gage to determine what impact this may have on the Public Works Department. Mr. Gage responded he will review the issue.

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

**Clean Water Fund:
East Chestnut Phase
1 Sewer
Replacement**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-119

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000) to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the construction of the East Chestnut Phase 1 Sewer Replacement capital improvement project.

Council Bill 2022-119. Special Ordinance 27696 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Youth Homeless
Demonstration
Program Grant**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-121

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of developing and implementing a coordinated community plan to end youth homelessness.

Bob Atchley, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Atchley noted the proposed would allow the City to apply for a Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grant in collaboration with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) on behalf of the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness (OAEH). Mr. Atchley further noted the grant is an annual program. If awarded, the grant would be used to implement a plan to end youth homelessness. National youth homelessness experts would be assigned to assist in the development of the plan. He added the City has not received this funding to date, but he is optimistic based on recent scoring. Mr. Atchley thanked Adam Bodendieck and the Youth Homeless Task Force for their work on the application.

Councilwoman Horton asked the target age group for the grant and if the plan will include collaboration with Springfield Public Schools. Mr. Atchley responded youth, as defined for HUD purposes, is age 13 to 24, and the plan would include working with the school system to assist youth at risk of homelessness or literally homeless.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Adam Bodendieck, a representative for the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Bodendieck noted the Homeless Youth Task Force offers employment, housing, emergency shelter, education, and other supportive services. He added the Annual Point in Time Count showed over 500 youth are homeless at any given time in Springfield and expressed his belief the number, when including youth that are also unstably housed, is significantly higher. Mr. Bodendieck noted the grant, if awarded, will provide for assistance in developing a community plan to end youth homelessness and an influx of renewable federal funding to implement the plan.

Councilman Schilling asked where the City ranks compared to other cities with youth homelessness. Mr. Bodendieck responded this varies widely, and the focus is on the need in the City.

Councilman Lear asked what the timeline would be for the plan. Mr. Bodendieck responded there is a year of planning.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if multiple examples can be used in addition to the Point In Time count to show need in the community. Mr. Bodendieck answered affirmatively.

Dan Henderson spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Henderson expressed his belief we need to make sure housing is safe and possibly use vacant buildings to provide housing for youth. He also expressed his belief it would be beneficial to have youth work for housing to teach responsibility.

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

Council Bill 2022-121. Resolution 10634 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Grants.

Disaster Grants – Public Assistance Missouri COVID-19 Pandemic Program grant funds

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-122

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept grant funds, on behalf of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, from the Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) Missouri COVID-19

Pandemic Program through the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency for qualifying expenditures in the amount of \$1,400,000, and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$1,400,000 for the purpose of appropriating the additional grant funds, and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the endemic phase of COVID-19 has been entered, and there is an increase in the number of current cases. She noted the proposed will allow the department to apply for grant funds through the Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency. She added the funds will cover testing, education, vaccinations, contact tracing, and the call center.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Ms. Towns for the work of her department on the most recent Roots and Branches event which highlights priority health issues.

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

Council Bill 2022-122. Special Ordinance 27698 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-123

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept additional Regional Coronavirus Vaccine Efforts grant funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$128,479.88 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$128,479.88 for the purpose of appropriating the additional grant funds; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the grant will allow the department to work with local agencies to help with distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine as well as provide education and support.

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

Council Bill 2022-123. Special Ordinance 27699 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

Regional Coronavirus Vaccine Efforts grant funding

The following items appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing.

**Cottle's Range
Community
Improvement
District; Buc-ee's**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-124

A special ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the Cottle's Range Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield, the Cottle's Range Community Improvement District, and Buc-ee's Springfield, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri State Auditor of the creation of the District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would provide a total of \$9.2 million in public improvements and facilitate a Buc-ee's travel center. She further noted the district would have power to impose a sales and use tax within the district and use the tax revenues to reimburse the developer up to \$5.1 million in reimbursable CID projects within the district boundaries. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the potential benefits of the project.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the interest rate the developer will receive for interest on their investment. Mr. Gage responded the item will be followed up on.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Dane Seiler spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Seiler expressed his belief the proposed will encourage economic growth and be a beneficial economic draw.

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

**CUP 462: 2808
North Kansas
Expressway**

Sponsor: Horton. Council Bill 2022-125

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 462 for the purpose of permitting an automobile service garage to operate as a conditional use within the GR, General Retail District, generally located at 2808 North Kansas Expressway. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval (By: Take 5 Properties SPV, LLC; 2808 North Kansas Expressway; Conditional Use Permit 462.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed is for a request to operate an auto service garage in a general retail district.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there are any indications there will be traffic concerns in the area. Ms. Istenes responded there was nothing in the staffing report to indicate a traffic issue.

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

**CUP 463: 543 West
Old Weaver Road**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-126

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 463 for the purpose of permitting a self-service storage facility to operate as a conditional use within the GR, General Retail District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 78, generally located at 543 West Old Weaver Road. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Burning Tree Consulting, LLC; 543 W. Old Weaver Road; Conditional Use Permit 463.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed would allow a self-service storage facility to operate on 3.68 acres in a general retail district with COD No. 78.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, a representative for the developer, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Haase noted the development would be a three-story storage facility. He added there were no attendees or comments for the neighborhood meeting.

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

Council Bills 2022-127 and 2022-128 were read together.

**Amending
Springfield City
Code: 1610 and 1620
North Le Compte
Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-127

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 9.5 acres of private property, generally located at 1610 and 1620 North Le Compte Road, and referenced as Annexation A-1-2022, into the City of Springfield. (By: Larry B. Clark Trust; 1610 & 1620 N. Le Compte Road; Annexation A-1-2022.)

**Amending
Springfield Land
Development Code:
1610 and 1620 North
Le Compte Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-128

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 9.5 acres of property generally located at 1610 and 1620 North Le Compte Road from County A-1, Agriculture District, to IC, Industrial Commercial District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 210; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 210; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Larry B. Clark Trust; 1610 & 1620 N. Le Compte Rd.; Z-6-2022 w/ COD #210.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the owners of the property are requesting annexation into the City of Springfield and rezoning from County A-1 to Industrial Commercial COD 210, with intent to allow for industrial and retail development.

Councilman Lear asked what types of businesses are allowed for Industrial Commercial zoning. Ms. Istenes responded ambulance services, manufacture processing, cleaning,

servicing, testing, repair, or storage of materials or goods, business or sales offices, existing residential dwellings, auction sales, flea markets, service garages or stations, catering businesses, and other light industrial type businesses.

Councilman McGull asked if the portion of the road at this address will receive improvements which benefit traffic flow. Mr. Gage will follow up on the exact portion of Le Compte Road that is slated for improvement.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, a representative for the developer, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Haase noted the entire parcel will be Industrial Commercial with the north 300 feet being fully Industrial Commercial and the south portion having a conditional overlay to be used for general retail. This design is to create a buffer between the existing residential and the industrial portion. He further noted Division Street is the major arterial, and LeCompte Road is secondary. The developer will dedicate the right-of-way to allow for road improvements.

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

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-129

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 10.68 acres of property generally located at 820 West El Camino Alto Drive from O-1, Office District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 78, to GR, General Retail District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 211; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 211; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: RW Developments LLC et al; 820 West El Camino Alto Drive; Z-7-2022 w/COD #211.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the request is to rezone property at 820 West Camino Alto Drive from Office to General Retail. The land is currently vacant. Staff noted the property is suited for general retail use.

Councilman Schilling asked what type of businesses are planned for the area. Ms. Istenes noted there was nothing in the report stating the specific businesses planned.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, a representative for the developer, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Haase noted the property would be general retail with conditional overlay. Mr. Haase further noted the east half of the property is stream buffer and cannot be developed. The west half will be developed as smaller retail use. He added stormwater requirements have been addressed, and the traffic study will be reviewed.

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

**Amending
Springfield Land
Development Code:
820 West El Camino
Alto Drive**

**Amending
Springfield Land
Development Code:
567 West Old
Weaver Road**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-130

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.5 acres of property generally located at 567 West Old Weaver Road from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District, to GR, General Retail District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Williams Natural Gas Company; 567 West Old Weaver Road; Z-8-2022.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the property would be rezoned to general retail and will match the zoning pattern within the area.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, a representative for the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted the request to rezone is due to the bulk plane requirement from the residential zone onto the proposed property. He further noted there will be no development on this property.

Councilman Lear asked if self-storage facilities collect sales tax. Mr. Gage responded staff will follow up on the question.

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

**Amending
Springfield Land
Development Code:
2200 West Battlefield
Road**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-131

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 2 acres of property generally located at 2200 West Battlefield Road from R-MHC, Manufactured Home Community District, to IC, Industrial Commercial District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 213; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 213; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Milestone Homes, LLC; 2200 W. Battlefield Rd.; Z-9-2022 w/COD #213.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the request is to rezone the property to allow for new retail development.

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

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

**Preliminary Tax
Levy**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-132

A special ordinance setting a preliminary tax levy on real and personal property for current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and

agencies, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; and declaring an emergency.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed would have an approximate 3% increase from the previous year. He further noted this is collected from the four property tax functions: the Art Museum, Public Parks, Public Health, and the Level Property Tax. He added the proposed is set as an emergency to allow changes to be made to the ordinance after the first reading and prior to final approval by City Council.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the City receives a portion of property tax for personal and real estate. Mr. Holtmann answered affirmatively. Mr. Holtmann noted approximately 20% of property taxes come from personal property.

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

**Adopting a budget
for the City of
Springfield: Fiscal
Year July 1, 2022, to
June 30, 2023**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-133

A special ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget; and declaring an emergency.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the annual operating budget was first given to City Council on April 30 for review and discussion. He discussed the timeline utilized to prepare the budget and meetings that were held to discuss the budget. He noted the City Charter regulates rules pertaining to the budget, noting the budget must be balanced each year. Mr. Holtmann further noted the FY2023 Operating Budgeted Resources is \$444,934,471. He added the City has a light debt load and maintained Aa1 bond rating; the General Fund remains within the established reserve goal of 20%, and the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act funding will be brought to City Council separately from the budget process.

Councilman Hosmer asked what happens to funds that are allocated to hire Police Officers but not used. Mr. Holtmann responded the funds roll into unexpended “carry over” funds. He added Police and Fire one-time payouts and retiree payouts are not budgeted for but come from the unexpended funds.

Councilman Hosmer moved Council Bill 2022-133 be amended to replace three sworn Police Officer positions with two Traffic Safety Officers (TSO) and one Investigative Services Specialist position and to make any salary savings from the change available to purchase the vehicles and supplies necessary for the new positions. Councilman Schilling seconded the motion.

Councilman McGull expressed his belief the motion has merit. Councilman McGull asked if the Traffic Safety Officer positions are commissioned and can the positions be advertised.

Mr. Gage noted the positions are not commissioned and could be advertised per the normal process.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the motion could potentially reduce the size of the Police Academy Classes and if the motion was a staff recommendation. Mr. Gage responded this could potentially happen and the motion did not come from a staff recommendation.

Councilman Hosmer noted the Police Department had previously made a request for the three positions. Mr. Gage responded there was initially a request for the two Traffic Safety Officer positions and Investigative Services Specialist position. He added the request was initially for these positions to be in addition to, not in replacement of, existing positions and the initial Police Department request was not made in the same context as the motion.

Councilman Ollis asked if the Police Chief is in support of the elimination of three sworn officer positions and expressed his belief staffing recommendations come from the department heads and not City Council.

Councilman Lear expressed his understanding that there is a need for the proposed positions and there is revenue available. He asked the fiscal note for the three positions. Mr. Holtmann noted approximately \$45,000 each for Traffic Safety Officers and approximately \$47,000 for the Investigative Services Specialist. Councilman Lear asked if an amendment can be proposed at any time during the year based on need of the department. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked if the requested positions are new and is it clear that three positions will be sufficient. Mr. Gage responded the positions are current positions and the added positions would have value although it is difficult to determine the value of the replacement positions versus sworn officer positions.

Mayor McClure asked if a Traffic Safety Officer may ticket a vehicle with expired tags. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively if the vehicle is parked in public.

Councilman Schilling expressed his opinion that traffic is a public menace.

Mayor McClure clarified this is a zero sum amendment.

Following the discussion and a summary by Councilman Hosmer, the motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: Ollis and Simpson. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Becky Volz spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Volz expressed her belief it is important to recognize the need for progress regarding nuisance properties. Ms. Volz asked the Building Development Services (BDS) budget be increased.

Councilwoman Horton asked why funds were reduced for certain Building Development Services budgeted sections. Mr. Gage noted the BDS operating budget has not been

reduced. The two portions in question are in reserve if needed. Mr. Holtmann noted Nuisance Properties and Dangerous Buildings had a one-time injection of funds. Councilwoman Horton noted nuisance properties as a main concern for Zone 1.

Duane Keys spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Keys expressed his belief nuisance properties are a problem and encouraged City Council to review the issue and act proportionately.

Michael Miller spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Miller noted he is a resident of the Phelps Grove area. He expressed his belief nuisance properties harm home values and requested BDS be given additional funds to increase quality of place.

Julie Bloodworth spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Bloodworth urged City Council to review and amend the budget to increase funding for BDS. She expressed her opinion nuisance properties need to be resolved through swift action.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked the speakers for their thoughts and asked what the cost is for a BDS inspector.

Mr. Holtmann noted the budget for one BDS inspector is approximately \$60,000-\$70,000 per year. He added the swing in the budget is due to the purchase of several vehicles for BDS in the prior year.

Councilman Ollis thanked the speakers, noting he agrees chronic nuisance properties be addressed. He asked if an improvement process could be worked on outside of the budget process. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively.

Councilman McGull thanked the speakers for their input.

Councilman Lear asked about vacancies in BDS. Mr. Gage responded the vacancies have fluctuated. He added there are a tremendous number of nuisance properties in the area, and it is important to be efficient and make greater efforts to address the issue.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification on ticketing nuisance properties based on the outside appearance. Mr. Gage noted citations are typically for the outside issues of a property noting City initiatives are being reviewed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his belief the issue of nuisance properties should be addressed as soon as possible. Mr. Gage noted processes to address nuisance properties have traditionally been administrative but criminal processes can be reviewed.

Eric Pauly spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Pauly noted BDS has been present at their neighborhood meetings and asked City Council to continue BDS funding, and to move from a complaint-based approach to an enforcement-based approach to address nuisance properties.

Geraldine Miller spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Miller noted she is in support of fully funding BDS services. Ms. Miller expressed her belief these services are necessary to creating a vibrant city.

Rusty Worley spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Worley noted the Nuisance Property Workgroup is working on recommendations to bring to City Council. He expressed his belief that additional funds for BDS could come from escalating fines, consistently addressing boarded building issues, and utilizing one-time dollars. He expressed it is time to adopt change and address the issue.

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

Mayor McClure recessed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Councilman Ollis left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

**Memorandum of
Understanding:
Opioid Litigation**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-134

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between the State of Missouri and Its Political Subdivisions on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation to facilitate acceptance of the City's share of settlement proceeds from the national opioids litigation.

Jan Millington, Deputy City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Millington noted the City of Springfield joined many other municipalities in a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and a settlement was reached. She added the Memorandum of Understanding would facilitate acceptance of the City's portion of the proceeds.

Mayor McClure asked if the proposed facilitates the process. Ms. Millington answered affirmatively. Ms. Millington clarified the national litigation will provide funds to the states which will then allocate funds to the municipalities.

Councilman Hosmer asked why there is a difference in how the amounts are split. Ms. Millington responded outside counsel would have to answer that question. Councilman Hosmer asked which of the opioid manufacturers was to provide the larger settlement and expressed his opinion the local governments should receive a more favorable split as they use their resources to combat opioid issues. Ms. Millington responded the exact amount of funds to be received is unknown.

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

Sponsor: Horton. Council Bill 2022-135

A special ordinance creating an exception to the Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program boundary for the Maplewood Villas development, generally located at 550 North Duke Avenue; and authorizing the Department of Planning and Development to approve a \$300,000 loan for the Maplewood Villas development with a reduced interest rate from the rate established in the Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program Rules. (Staff and Loan Committee recommend approval.)

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed consists of 11 4-plex buildings with a fully accessible community building for seniors 55 and older and the development team is comprised of Springfield companies. The proposed funds would contribute to the project by giving a low interest loan at a .75% interest rate for 20 years.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Meleah Spencer, a representative of the Kitchen, Inc., spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Spencer noted the project was approved in 2021. Maplewood Villas will house low-income seniors, with 11 units reserved for veterans. Case management will be available for the residents.

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

Amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year: Golf Fund

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-136

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 operating budget by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$2,612,892.13 to allocate \$1,800,000.00 of revenue and associated offsetting expense items from Parks 2001 and 2006 Sales Tax Funds, \$662,892.13 in reimbursements from insurance claims, and \$150,000.00 of revenue and associated expense items within the Golf Fund, respectively.

Jerry Mitchell, Superintendent of Parks Business Operations, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mitchell noted the proposed would reallocate \$2,612,892.13 gained as part of the year-end closure.

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

Council Bills 2022-137, 2022-138, 2022-139, and 2022-140 were read together.

Approving Third Amendment: Collective Bargaining Agreement: SPOA

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-137

A special ordinance approving the Third 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, representing the result of wage reopener negotiations; 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.

**Approving Third
Amendment:
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement: IAFF**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-138

A special ordinance approving the Third Addendum to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152 (“IAFF”), the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Fire Department, representing the result of wage reopener negotiations; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Third Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative.

**Approving Third
Amendment:
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement: IBEW:
Crafts, Trades, and
Labor**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-139

A special ordinance approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement to be effective July 1, 2022, and by and between the City and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Local Union Number 753 (“IBEW”), the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Employee Group; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and deliver the Collective Bargaining Agreement on behalf of the City to the Exclusive Representative.

**Approving Third
Amendment:
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement: IBEW:
Professional,
Administrative, and
Technical**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-140

A special ordinance approving the Third Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753 (“IBEW ”), the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit of limited employees within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee Group, representing the result of wage reopener negotiations; 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.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed agreements would amend three Collective Bargaining Agreements between the City of Springfield and the Springfield Police Officers Association, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The fourth bargaining unit is a new contract. She further noted all are mutually beneficial. Ms. Morrison noted pay improvements and steps have been added.

Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Morrison and her team for the good work on the agreements.

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

**Amending
Springfield City
Code: Salary
Ordinance**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-141

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2 -92, known as the “Salary Ordinance,” by making provision for eight new titles within the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non-Union and Unclassified Schedules and deletion of three job titles from the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non-Union Schedule; by making provision for one new job title within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Union Schedule and deletion of one job title from the same schedule; by providing pay adjustments for non-bargaining unit employees on the following salary schedules: Crafts, Trades and Labor, Professional, Administrative, and Technical (Non-Union and Unclassified), Fire Protection, and Law Enforcement; by providing for increases to shift differential pay; by providing the City Manager the administrative authority to establish rules regarding shift pay differential; by incorporating pay improvements impacting bargaining unit members that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to; and amending the Occupational Series Market Adjustment Program.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed will add new job titles and provide pay adjustments for non-union employees and amend the Occupational Series Market Adjustment Program.

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

**Surface
Transportation
Block Grant
Program Agreement**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-142

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of using grant funds to partially reimburse the annual base salaries of up to six City employees who operate and manage the Transportation Management Center.

Tom Dancy, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dancy noted the proposed would allow use of up to \$360,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds to reimburse 80% of the base salaries of six City employees that work at the Transportation Management Center.

Mayor McClure asked if this is the typical process used to reimburse the salaries. Mr. Dancy answered affirmatively.

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

**Amending
Springfield City
Code: Micromobility
Device Rental
Program**

Sponsor: Ollis, Hosmer, McGull, Lear. Council Bill 2022-143

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 98, ‘Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places,’ by enacting Article VIII, ‘Micromobility Device Rental Program’ and amending Article VII, ‘Encroachments on City Property,’ to allow for approval of certain encroachments for use by micromobility devices; amending Chapter 106, ‘Traffic and

Vehicles,' Article I, 'In General,' to allow and regulate the use of micromobility devices on public streets and rights-of-way; amending Chapter 106, 'Traffic and Vehicles,' Article VI, 'Stopping, Standing and Parking,' Division 10, 'Springfield Parking System Parking Regulations,' to regulate the operation and use of micromobility devices in the City's parking system; and amending Chapter 106, 'Traffic and Vehicles,' Article VIII, 'Bicycles and Motorized Bicycles,' to regulate the use of micromobility devices.

Brett Foster, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the proposed would allow changes to the City Code and add definition of micromobility devices, provide a method for licensing e-scooter companies, and provide the ability to make changes to traffic regulations for the devices.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there was an indemnity provision to indemnify the City for any liability and the enforcement mechanisms for scooter regulations. Mr. Foster answered affirmatively to indemnity and explained impoundment, by police officers or their agents, and ticketing could be used as an enforcement mechanism.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jen Cox, a representative for Missouri State University (MSU), spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Cox noted students at MSU have shown an interest in a scooter program. She further noted, if approved, MSU will select one scooter vendor for campus use

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

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

Lindsey Wright did not appear to address City Council.

Jacque Samuelson addressed City Council. Ms. Samuelson thanked City Council and the City Manager. She noted Gun Violence Awareness Day is Friday, June 3, and asked that all do more to reduce gun violence. Ms. Stewart noted statistics show Missouri as the 6th highest in the nation for gun violence deaths with the 4th highest economic impact. Ms. Stewart requested the first Friday in June be proclaimed as Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Denise Stewart addressed City Council. Ms. Stewart noted she represents Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and explained the Wear Orange Event to support gun violence awareness. She further noted the color orange represents responsible gun ownership and honors the lives of those affected by gun violence. She added monuments are lit in orange to support the cause and asked the City to join in support of the effort.

Mayor McClure noted he would be happy to issue a proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Day.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

The following items appeared under Consent Agenda – Second Reading bills.

**Sewer Extension
Cost
Reimbursement
Agreement:
Meadowood
Development, LLC**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-120

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a developer's Sewer Extension Cost Reimbursement Agreement with Meadowood Development, LLC, for the recovery of proportional square foot costs of the construction of a trunk line sewer to serve the Meadowood Subdivision and establishing a sanitary sewer cost recovery area and per square foot connection fee for proportional reimbursement.

Council Bill 2022-120. Special Ordinance 27697 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Schilling, Simpson, McGull, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.



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