

June 13, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session June 13, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. Mayor McClure acknowledged the passing of former Councilmember Denny Wayne.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Monica Horton, and Ken McClure. Absent: Abe McGull.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 31, 2022, City Council Meeting were considered. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schilling and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

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

The following items appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters.

Sponsor: City Council. Council Bill 2022-144

A resolution recognizing and honoring the life of former Councilman Denny Wayne for his exemplary service as a member of the Springfield City Council and his strong advocacy for justice and equal rights in Springfield and beyond over his 77 years.

Councilwoman Horton read the resolution in its entirety.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ashanti Tate addressed City Council. Ms. Tate, a representative of Turning Point Church, acknowledged the City having honored Denny Wayne throughout the years. Ms. Tate thanked City Council for honoring Denny Wayne during his life.

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

Councilwoman Horton and Councilwoman Hardinger expressed their support for the resolution.

Mayor McClure thanked the members of Turning Point Church and the daughter of Denny Wayne for being in attendance.

Council Bill 2022-144. Resolution 10635 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Mayor McClure presented the daughter of Denny Whayne with a copy of the resolution.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted when the National Weather Service issues heat advisories, some air-conditioned facilities are available as public cooling centers and are a good option for those without shelter or whose homes are not air conditioned. He added during heat advisory periods, the Parks Department coordinates with the Health Department to offer a Splash & Sizzle aquatics option that keeps at least one pool open until 8:00 pm. Admission is free with a canned food item or \$1 otherwise. The Parks Department also keeps the three family center lobbies, as well as the Jordan Valley Ice Park lobby, open as cooling centers for the public during heat advisory periods. Mr. Gage further noted, though not official cooling centers, Springfield-Greene County libraries are also a good option for those needing to stay out of the heat. A list of library hours and locations can be found at thelibrary.org/branches.

Mr. Gage provided a Workforce Development update. He noted the Build My Future Board of Directors is now offering small grants, through a gift provided by the HBA Charitable Foundation, of up to \$500 for individuals entering the construction industry to help new hires get the needed tools and safety equipment required on a job site. To apply for a Build My Future grant, contact Tracy at the Missouri Job Center at 417-887-4343, or visit the Build My Future website at www.buildmyfuture.net.

Mr. Gage noted Parks Director Bob Belote provided City Council with an update. The Park Board recognized five Springfield Rotary clubs at the June 10 board meeting for ongoing and recent contributions to parks including improvements to the Betty and Bobby Allison Miracle League Ball Field funded by Springfield's North and Southeast Rotary clubs, contributions by the Downtown Rotary Club to the Park Board Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund, and rotary club collaboration to install Peace Poles in five Springfield Parks as an international rotary club effort to spread and emphasize peace around the world. A Peace Pole was installed at Jordan Valley Park, and another is coming soon to the Peace Through People Pavilion at Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Mr. Gage provided an update on COVID-19 Testing. Testing for COVID-19 is a vital tool to prevent spreading the virus to other people. To improve access to testing, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and the Springfield-Greene County Library District have begun distributing at-home testing kits at all Greene County Library locations. Each household is allotted four testing kits, which include two antigen tests each and a guide detailing what to do if you test positive for COVID-19. The kits are free to the public and a total of 2,500 will be distributed.

Mr. Gage provided an update on the Springfield Police Department. The Springfield Police Department recognized the promotions of two sworn officers and two non-sworn professional staff members. Sergeant Heather Anderson was promoted to Lieutenant, Corporal Joshua Steele was promoted to Sergeant, Kathy Marlar was promoted to Executive Secretary, and Whitney Layton was promoted to Office Administrator.

Mr. Gage provided a reminder that City offices will be closed June 20 in recognition of Juneteenth. Juneteenth, or “Freedom Day,” is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This holiday is considered the “longest running African-American holiday” and has been called “America’s second Independence Day.” It was on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed in Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were free. This is the first year that the City of Springfield will celebrate Juneteenth – after City Council approved the measure last November.

Mayor McClure acknowledged the heat advisory and encouraged citizens to take steps necessary to stay safe, such as using cooling centers.

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

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-124. Special Ordinance 27700 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-125. Special Ordinance 27701 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-126. Special Ordinance 27702 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-127. General Ordinance 6723 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-128. General Ordinance 6724 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

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

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.)

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification on the proposed. Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, responded the proposed is to rezone the property from Office District to General Retail District and allow for retail development. Councilman Hosmer asked if there are height restrictions. Ms. Istenes responded the applicant would like to develop two stories.

Council Bill 2022-129. General Ordinance 6725 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-130. General Ordinance 6726 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.)

Council Bill 2022-131. General Ordinance 6727 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-132. Special Ordinance 27703 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

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

Sponsor: Lear. Amended 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.

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

Council Bill 2022-133. Special Ordinance 27704 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

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.

Councilman Hosmer noted his support for the proposed and expressed his opinion the distribution split is inequitable given that municipalities are required to provide law enforcement and support resources. Mayor McClure expressed his agreement to the sentiments of Councilman Hosmer.

Council Bill 2022-134. Special Ordinance 27705 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Maplewood Villas

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.)

Council Bill 2022-135. Special Ordinance 27706 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

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.

Council Bill 2022-136. Special Ordinance 27707 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-137. Special Ordinance 27708 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-138. Special Ordinance 27709 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-139. Special Ordinance 27710 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays:
None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**Approving Third
Amendment:
Collective
Bargaining
Agreement: IBEW:
Professional,**

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

**Administrative, and
Technical**

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.

Council Bill 2022-140. Special Ordinance 27711 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-141. General Ordinance 6728 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-142. Special Ordinance 27712 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**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.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for e-scooters and asked all to be safe.

Council Bill 2022-143. General Ordinance 6729 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**State American
Rescue Plan Act
Water Infrastructure
Community Grant
Program Grant
Funds**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-145

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for State American Rescue Plan Act Water Infrastructure Community Grant Programs grant funds, in the Stormwater and Wastewater grant categories, up to \$5,000,000 per project, from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, for the purpose of partially funding stormwater and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the State of Missouri received approximately \$2.6 billion in funding, of which \$125 million was made available for wastewater infrastructure, and \$150 million was made available for stormwater infrastructure statewide. He further noted the proposed would allow the departments of Environmental Services and Public Works to submit applications for projects that would use the State American Rescue Plan Act funds. If any of the applications are successful, a separate Council bill will be presented to accept the grant funds.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed and thanked the departments for their work on the applications.

Council Bill 2022-145. Resolution 10636 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Grants.

**Epidemiology and
Laboratory Capacity**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-146

**Community Health
Worker Initiative
grant**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Community Health Worker Initiative grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in the amount of \$365,420 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 \$365,420 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 proposed would allow for continued education and outreach for COVID-19 testing and support. Ms. Towns thanked various community partnerships for their assistance. Ms. Towns noted the Health Department will partner with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Community Partnership of the Ozarks, and Springfield Public Schools for upcoming outreach.

Councilman Ollis asked if at home testing is included in statistics for the Health Department. Ms. Towns responded the at-home test kits are not included in daily statistics. Councilman Ollis expressed his belief COVID-19 is most likely underreported. Ms. Towns expressed her belief this is possible due to the mechanism for reporting at-home testing.

Councilman Lear asked if the Health Department teams focus on COVID-19 only. Ms. Towns responded the primary focus is on COVID-19 as it is a priority.

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

Council Bill 2022-146. Special Ordinance 27713 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

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

**Greater Springfield
Area Sports
Commission, Inc.
Agreement**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-147

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Inc., for the purpose of promoting the attraction of sporting events to the community.

Tracy Kimberlin, President of Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kimberlin noted the proposed will allow renewal of an annual contract with the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Inc. He further noted the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Inc., gets a portion of the collection

fee of the hotel tax, approximately \$108,021 for this year. He added the Sports Commission is responsible for booking large sporting events.

Councilman Ollis thanked Mr. Kimberlin and expressed his excitement for what is happening with sports in the Springfield area. He asked if private entities are considered for events. Mr. Kimberlin responded both public and private sports facilities are considered.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Kimberlin and noted the benefit to sporting events in the area.

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

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-148

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism within the City of Springfield.

Tracy Kimberlin, President of Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kimberlin noted the proposal will allow renewal of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., contract. He further noted any additional budget revisions would come before City Council. The total budget for the year will be approximately \$4.2 million, with approximately \$3.275 million coming from the hotel tax and the remainder from private sources.

Mayor McClure asked how inflation has impacted hotel rates thus far. Mr. Kimberlin responded hotel rates have increased significantly due to demand.

Councilman Ollis asked if the Q Hotel and the University Plaza are still viable to host events in the area given the decline in their condition. Mr. Kimberlin noted the University Plaza is still being used but is a significant problem as no money has been invested in the properties. He further noted the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau has had several discussions with Atrium Hotels, the property owner. Atrium is currently assessing what to do with the property.

Councilman Lear asked how the short-term rentals affect hotel tax. Mr. Kimberlin responded Springfield has approximately 375 registered short-term rentals creating a loss of approximately \$500,000 per year in total tax.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the City has a contract with Atrium and if that contract includes Atrium being responsible for maintaining the property. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the disrepair of the aforementioned convention center hotels is a bad reflection on the City of Springfield.

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

**Springfield
Convention and
Visitors Bureau, Inc.
Agreement**

**Amending
Springfield City
Code: Merit System
Rules and
Regulation**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-149

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 for multiple purposes, including but not limited to the following: amendments to further the City’s diversity and inclusivity goals, to clarify certain provisions within the Merit Rules and assure internal consistency as well as consistency with the City’s Code and Charter, to update the City’s policy regarding hiring of relatives of employees, to correct a previous scrivener’s error, and to amend the Merit Rules on vacation and sick leave.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would provide routine updates for the Merit Rules, including the addition of inclusive language and clarification of language in existing rules.

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

**Collective
Bargaining
Agreement: SPOA**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-150

A special ordinance approving the Fourth 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 changes requested by the SPOA regarding payroll deductions; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Fourth 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 includes changes regarding payroll deductions and clarification of intent to offer the benefit to new recruits.

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

**Annual Maintenance
Contract for Traffic
Signals**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-151

A special ordinance approving the Annual Maintenance Contract for Traffic Signals for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; accepting the bid of Ewing Signal Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$209,988.50; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with such bidder for the purpose of maintaining the City’s traffic signal infrastructure.

Tom Dancey, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dancey noted the proposed is a contract that has been in existence since 1999. He further noted the contract is for heavier construction work to maintain traffic signals.

Mayor McClure asked if the proposed contract is for “if needed/as needed” work. Mr. Dancey answered affirmatively.

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

**HOME – American
Rescue Plan
Allocation Plan**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-152

A special ordinance adopting the HOME-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan to utilize the HOME-American Rescue Plan grant of \$3,805,703; amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the HOME-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into any necessary agreements and exercise any necessary power to select and implement projects for funding pursuant to the HOME-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan after the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development approves the plan.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed is for approval of an allocation plan that would activate use of the grant funds. He further noted the grant process was unusual as the grant was first awarded, the City is then allowed to use 5% of the funds to develop an allocation plan with consultations, and once that plan is approved by HUD, the remainder of the grant will be implemented through non-profit agencies that are selected and trained in HOME-ARP. Mr. Jones added the funding can only be used for Qualifying Populations (QP) which are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or those with great risk of housing instability. There are specific eligible activities that can be funded. He noted twenty agencies participated in the consultation phase. The consultation named rental housing and non-congregate shelter as the top two issues. Shelter and affordable housing were two barriers to addressing homelessness. A Point In Time Homeless count and Continuum of Care prioritization waiting list were used to support the need for shelter. Mr. Jones noted the affordable rental housing gap showed 8,235 households in need of affordable housing.

Councilman Lear asked how many people can be assisted with the approximately \$2,500,000 to be used for rental properties. Mr. Jones responded approximately ten households if building homes, or more if the money is utilized for an apartment housing project. Mr. Jones noted more specific plans will be determined after the allocation plan is approved. Options for non-congregate could be a shelter with individual rooms or hotel converted into housing space. Councilman Lear asked for clarification on the accuracy of the Point In Time Count. Mr. Jones expressed his opinion the Point In Time Count underestimates the number of homeless in the community, and it does not account for those who are at risk of homelessness or doubled up in homes.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked if the housing gap of approximately 8,235 in need of affordable housing is the entire gap. Mr. Jones responded the gap is based on statistics from the census reflecting data of individuals who make less than 50% of the average median income. Mr. Jones expressed his belief the gap projection may be low.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked if there is a long-term plan to address the entire affordable housing gap. Mr. Jones responded the process is long and prices have increased which

contributes to the issue. Mr. Gage responded that to build affordable housing for every person in need would cost over one billion dollars, which is money that is not available.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification on the affordable rental housing gap. Mr. Jones responded the number of affordable units available is not sufficient for the number of individuals who make under 50% of the average median income.

Councilwoman Horton noted the third highest priority for ARPA funds is homeless services. She asked if what feedback has been received from the Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Jones responded the committee oversees that all necessary steps are followed and input from alternate sources was considered.

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

**Springfield Regional
Arts Council, Inc.
Agreement**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-153

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Regional Arts Council, Inc., for the purpose of promoting the visual and performing arts in Springfield, Missouri.

Leslie Forrester, Contract Arts Administrator, gave a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Forrester noted the goal of the Springfield Regional Arts Council (SRAC) is to advocate, educate, and collaborate to transform lives and enrich the community through the arts. She further noted the arts economic impact was approximately \$26.9 million last year.

Mayor McClure asked how the arts organizations are coming out of the pandemic. Ms. Forrester responded that ArtsFest had the highest attendance ever this year, and the fourth quarter of last year was the highest ever for the Gillioz theatre. Ms. Forrester noted she is cautiously optimistic about the future of the arts.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Ms. Forrester for the work of the SRAC and asked if parking remains an issue. Ms. Forrester responded parking is an issue.

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 Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications.

William did not appear to address City Council.

Michael Delcour did not appear to address City Council.

Robert Mondy addressed City Council. Mr. Mondy expressed his belief it would be economically beneficial for the City of Springfield to resurrect the Ozark Jubilee. Mr. Mondy requested the Ozark Jubilee and the Frisco Depot be rebuilt to bring more people to Springfield.

Dr. Robert Olson addressed City Council. Dr. Olson noted he is a candidate for the United States Senate. He expressed his opinion the COVID-19 vaccination is detrimental to an individual's health. He further expressed his opinion no one should take the vaccine.

Councilman Hosmer asked Dr. Olson if he is a retired radiologist and if he is an infectious disease, vaccine, or OBGYN doctor. Dr. Olson responded he is a retired radiologist. Councilman Hosmer asked what hospitals are receiving COVID-19 funds for. Dr. Olson responded funds are given for hospitals to follow the Dr. Fauci protocol.

Ryan Sivill did not appear to address City Council. Mr. Sivill withdrew prior to the meeting.

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.

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

James River Basin Partnership 319 Grant

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-154

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a James River Basin Partnership 319 Grant in the amount of \$35,000, from the Environmental Protection Agency through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, to support construction of the Art Museum North Parking Improvements Project at the Springfield Art Museum; and amending the budget of the Springfield Art Museum for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$35,000.

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

Airport Plaza CID Board Appointment Confirmations

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-155

A resolution confirming the appointments of Cara Walker, Jonathan Barratt, and John Hamra to the Airport Plaza Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2022-155. Resolution 10637 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**Glenstone
Marketplace CID
Board Appointment
Confirmations**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-156

A resolution confirming the appointments of Brenda Guffey, Bryan Pendleton, and Lee Ann Thessing to the Glenstone Marketplace Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval).

Council Bill 2022-156. Resolution 10638 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

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, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.



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