

June 27, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session June 27, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure.

Roll Call

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

*Attended via Zoom.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2022, City Council Meeting and June 14, 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, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the Springfield Fire Department placed into service the new Ladder 8 on Friday to replace one which served the community for nearly 20 years. Members of the public joined the Fire Department for a ceremony to welcome Ladder 8 to Fire Station 8, located at 1405 S. Scenic Avenue. Mr. Gage further noted the funding for this apparatus was provided by the continuation of the Level Property Tax supported and passed by the Springfield community in 2017. The total cost for the new ladder was \$902,000 and it took 490 days to be built.

Mr. Gage noted several departments participated in the United Way of the Ozarks' Day of Caring providing hours of service to various non-profit organizations across the community. This was the 30th annual Day of Service in Springfield, with more than 1,000 people participating.

Mr. Gage noted customers to the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill and Yardwaste Recycling Center facilities will notice an increase in fees for various products and services. Fee increases were approved by City Council in December of 2021. The increases will continue to support the operation of Springfield's Sanitary Landfill, three recycling drop-off sites, the Yardwaste Recycling Center, the regional Household Chemical Collection Center, and community-wide outreach & education programming.

Mr. Gage noted customers with City sewer service will see a planned rate increase beginning July 1, to continue improving the City's aging system and remain in compliance with federal Clean Water Act regulations. The City of Springfield contracts with City Utilities for sanitary sewer services billing. Customers will notice this change on their August City Utilities bills.

Mr. Gage noted a public event to kick off the unveiling of the Comprehensive Plan to the community will take place Thursday, July 21, from 3-6 p.m. at Hammons Field. Participants will experience a walk-through exhibit of each key focus area of the plan and get a behind-the-scenes look at the ballpark's air conditioned suites. Parking near Gate 1 is free, and people are encouraged to drop in. More information will be available on the forwardsgf.com website.

Mr. Gage noted the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services approved the distribution of both the Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for children as young as six months old. He further noted the Springfield-Greene County Health Department is encouraging parents to call their children's pediatrician for more information on where to receive a vaccine. For individuals who do not have a pediatrician or wish to sign up to be notified about community-wide opportunities via text message, they can call the COVID-19 Call Center at 417-874-1211. The Health Department is not currently offering vaccination opportunities for children under 5.

Police Chief Update Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided an update for the Police Department.

Chief Williams noted the Mental Health Mobile Response Team consists of various partners which assist with non-violent individuals in need of mental health assistance. The team is in partnership with Burrell Behavioral Health, who received a grant from the Missouri Foundation of Health. Holli Triboulet was selected as the Springfield Mental Health Co-Responder Project director. He further noted the training program has three stages with the end goal of providing immediate care for persons in crisis and allowing the responding officer to respond more efficiently to other service calls.

Chief Williams discussed crime prevention trends and data. He noted there has been a 30% reduction in auto thefts from Quarter 1 of 2021 to Quarter 1 of 2022. Chief Williams reported residential and commercial burglaries decreased from 2021 to 2022.

Chief Williams reported Public Engagement created a 30-second Public Service Announcement and three trending crime updates, which were posted to social media and provided to media partners, for the first quarter auto theft focus. The second quarter focus was burglaries. The second quarter focus utilized a 30-second Public Service Announcement posted to social media and provided to media partners.

Chief Williams noted in an effort to reduce the large volume of cases that have accumulated for the property unit, overtime of 10 hours was allowed from May 8-21. As a result, 62 cases were cleared.

Chief Williams noted crimes against persons, property, and society all decreased from 2021 to 2022, in part due to crime prevention measures. He further noted gun violence has increased.

Chief Williams noted the Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) program launched June 1, 2022. The four hotspots identified for proactive patrol and traffic enforcement were as follows: Kansas and Kearney, Kearney and Glenstone, Glenstone and Sunshine, and Kansas and Sunshine.

Chief Williams provided a recruitment summary and update. He reported the digital recruitment campaign goes live this week, and video spots have been running on KY3 since January. He noted there have been 478 applicants in 2022, 27 officers in the January academy, 12 have signed up for the September academy, and four lateral hires in 2022. He further noted there have been 177 applicants for non-sworn personnel and five hires.

Chief Williams provided an update on warrants and municipal arrests. He noted there have been 98 warrants cleared, 77 individuals arrested, and 284 warrants voluntarily resolved.

Mayor McClure thanked Chief Williams for the report.

Councilman McGull thanked Chief Williams for the report. He expressed his interest in the DDACTS program. Mr. McGull asked for overtime information prior to the change to 12 hour shifts. Chief Williams responded the information will be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Chief Williams for the report. He expressed his interest in the Mental Health Mobile Response Team. Mr. Simpson asked if Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) grants are still being explored for the response team. Chief Williams responded the department is always exploring new funding opportunities. Mr. Simpson asked how many non-sworn positions are vacant. Chief Williams responded 17. He expressed his belief the Traffic Service Agent positions will be filled quickly.

Councilwoman Horton asked if the mental health professionals will accompany Police Area Representative (PAR) officers to neighborhood meetings. Chief Williams responded the mental health professionals will ride with patrol officers. Councilwoman Horton expressed her belief that having mental health professionals attend neighborhood meetings to provide education would be beneficial.

Councilman Hosmer asked how many Police Officer positions are vacant and if the Police Department has sufficient resources to provide overtime pay to officers who work overtime. Chief Williams responded the department is not able to fill all of the overtime available. Councilman Hosmer asked what happens with cases in which a person is in possession of an illegal firearm. Chief Williams responded the outcome depends on if the charges are federal or state. Councilman Hosmer asked if there is a central repository for camera footage. Chief Williams responded there is a camera registration program which is encouraged but voluntary.

Councilman McGull noted new gun legislation requires a maximum fifteen year penalty for a felon in possession of a firearm.

CTOC Report

Shawn Robertson, President of the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee (CTOC), provided an update on behalf of the CTOC. He thanked City Council for the opportunity to present the report. Mr. Robertson noted the CTOC is continuing to meet quarterly to review the collection and expenditures of sales taxes for the City. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, along with David Holtmann, Director of Finance, have continued to provide highly knowledgeable insight into the financial operations of the City and are fully able to answer all questions raised at the quarterly meetings.

Mr. Robertson noted sales taxes reviewed by the Committee are: the 3/4 cent Pension Fund Sales Tax for the Police and Fire Pension Fund, 1/8 cent Transportation Sales Tax for high-priority transportation improvements, 1/4 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax for high-priority capital improvements, Motel/Hotel Tax which is collected and expended according to the state statutes for this tax, and the Level Property Tax which is collected and expended for municipal purposes as directed by City Council.

Mr. Robertson noted CTOC can report that the expenditures of the City's taxes are appropriately classified and consistent with the language approved by the citizens of Springfield.

Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Robertson and the Committee for the work they do.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second 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.

Council Bill 2022-147. Special Ordinance 27714 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

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

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.

Councilman Ollis asked Tracy Kimberlin, President of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, if he has received a response from the Atrium group and if the Atrium group has plans to make significant improvements to their properties. Mr. Kimberlin responded he has not heard from the corporate staff at Atrium. He noted he has had conversations with the current local staff who are attempting to make improvements as they can.

Council Bill 2022-148. Special Ordinance 27715 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-149. General Ordinance 6730 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-150. Special Ordinance 27716 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-151. Special Ordinance 27717 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-152. Special Ordinance 27718 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-153. Special Ordinance 27719 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Short-Term Rental
Type 2 Permit: 2209
East Swallow Street**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-157

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit for the property located at 2209 East Swallow Street for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted a Short-Term Rental Type 2 can be rented for periods of less than 30 consecutive days, is not owner-occupied, is located within a R-SF or R-TH zoning district, must notify neighbors within 500 feet and hold a neighborhood meeting, and must have an affidavit signed by 55% of adjacent property owners. He further noted the proposed did not meet the 55% requirement due to having an incomplete signature. One protest petition was received for the proposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Neal for implementing the new process to get input from neighbors. He asked if the reason for the incomplete signature was due to a divorce and if that signature had counted would the 55% requirement would have been met. Mr. Neal responded affirmatively.

Councilman Hosmer asked how many short-term rentals are currently licensed in the City and how many are operating without a license. Mr. Neal responded 183 total are licensed and 300 to 400 are estimated to be operating without a license.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification on the definition of passive consent. Mr. Neal responded the letter says failure to respond is taken as consent.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ed Gibson spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Gibson noted he is the owner of the property. He thanked City Council for the opportunity to speak. He further noted the property is currently a long-term rental. He added it is his belief he will be able to better control the maintenance of the property if it is a short-term rental. Mr. Gibson expressed his belief the incomplete signature meets the “spirit of the law.”

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He noted that if not for a technicality with the incomplete signature, the matter would have passed and not come before City Council.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief that the neighbor who protested the proposed should also have their wishes respected. Mr. Hosmer noted 60% of Springfield residents live in rental properties, and action to approve short-term rentals makes fewer properties available for home ownership. He further noted short-term rentals do not pay hotel/motel taxes.

Councilman McGull expressed his opposition to the proposed as he believes short-term rentals do not abide by neighborhood covenants. He noted he is not in opposition to short-term type 1 rentals in which the applicant lives in the home but feels short-term type 2 rentals weaken the fabric of the neighborhood.

Councilman Lear expressed his support for the proposed.

Council Bill 2022-157. Resolution 10639 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Horton, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: McGull and Hosmer. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**Short-Term Rental
Type 2 Permit: 1951
South Roanoke
Street**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-158

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit for the property located at 1951 South Roanoke Street for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson motioned to table Council Bill 2022-158, per the request of the applicant, until the August 22, 2022, City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lear and approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

**Growth
Opportunities
program grant**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-159

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Labor for the Growth Opportunities program grant in the amount of up to \$4,000,000 to be utilized to perform approved grant activities.

Ericka Schmeeckle, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Schmeeckle noted the proposed would allow the department to apply for a grant to be used for work and education opportunities for participants aged 18 to 24 who have been involved, or at risk being involved, with the justice system. She further noted the department has a similar program for adults which has seen success.

Councilman Schilling asked how many participants are estimated to be served through the program. Ms. Schmeeckle responded the department works with the Greene County Juvenile Detention Center to determine who will be eligible for the program.

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

Council Bill 2022-159. Resolution 10640 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

Brownfields Job Training grant

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-160

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfields Job Training grant in the amount of up to \$500,000 to be utilized to perform approved grant activities.

Sally Payne, Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Payne noted the proposed would allow the department to apply for a grant to be used for registered apprenticeships, childcare, and transportation for unemployed or underemployed individuals.

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

Council Bill 2022-160. Resolution 10641 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills.

Amending Special Ordinance 27441

Sponsor: City Council. Council Bill 2022-161

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 27441 to revise the date of the election called in Special Ordinance 27441 to November 8, 2022; and declaring an emergency.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed would allow the earliest date the City may call an election, in regard to Special Ordinance 27441, to be changed from August 3, 2021, to November 8, 2022.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the ballot language that will be used is available. Ms. Lewsader responded the ballot language is the current language in Special Ordinance 27441, and the proposed will amend the election date only.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Melanie Bach addressed City Council. Ms. Bach noted she is President of the Galloway Neighborhood Association. Ms. Bach further expressed her concerns with the process. Mayor McClure asked that comments be confined to the proposed date change only. Ms. Bach expressed her belief the date should be amended.

Ron Boles addressed City Council. Mr. Boles expressed his concerns regarding the process and expressed his belief that citizens have a right to be heard.

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

Council Bill 2022-161. Special Ordinance 27721 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: Horton.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

GRANTS.

AMENDED BILLS.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing.

Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-162

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under the Consolidated Plan, to accept Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, to enter into any necessary agreements to carry out the grants, and to exercise any and all powers necessary to implement selected projects; selecting projects for funding for the City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2022-2023; reaffirming the City Council Objectives and Community Development Priorities; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies as a one-reading bill pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25). (City Council is not expected to vote on this Ordinance after the first reading on June 27, 2022.)

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed would allow for application and acceptance of U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME grant funds and Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. Jones discussed the history of funding and the recommendations for FY-22-23.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Alice Barber addressed City Council. Ms. Barber noted individuals in Springfield are struggling to remain housed. Ms. Barber expressed her belief the problems of homelessness and housing insecurity will never be solved with stop-gap measures. She gave examples of other cities that provide City-funded affordable housing and suggested Springfield could do the same. Ms. Barber also suggested having a housing trust fund that would be run by the City. She advocated for more permanent supportive housing.

Councilman McGull thanked Ms. Barber for speaking to City Council. He noted there is a housing study in the works and invited Ms. Barber to reach out to speak to him about her ideas.

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

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

**Let's Get to Work
Fund**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-163

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds from the United Way of the Ozarks, through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' United Way Let's Get to Work Fund, in the amount of \$30,000 to be utilized to perform approved grant activities and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the budget of the Department of Workforce Development for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$30,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

Sally Payne, Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Payne noted the department is seeking approval to accept the next round of grant funds for the Let's Get to Work program. She further noted the funding provides additional support services for transportation needs.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

John Oke-Thomas addressed City Council. Mr. Oke-Thomas expressed his belief it is important for the City to continue to look for ways to help individuals and noted the benefits to this program. Mr. Thomas expressed his belief it is important to research ways to assist individuals with gas and encouraged City Council to think outside the box for solutions. He thanked City Council for their work.

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

**Phase 4 and Phase 5:
Republic Road and
Campbell Avenue
Intersection
Improvements**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-164

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Republic Road and Campbell Avenue Intersection Improvements project; accepting the bid of Capital Paving & Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$5,364,467.30 for said project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$470,000.00 to appropriate additional Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for said project.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed will improve the capacity of the intersection at Republic Road and Campbell Street. He further noted bids have been opened for the project. Mr. Smith noted the project is a cost share with the Missouri Department of Transportation. The anticipated completion date is November 1, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his enthusiasm for the project. He asked if engineering could be incorporated to improve back up situations with food establishments in the area. Mr. Smith responded this can be reviewed, and access management strategies may help.

Councilman Schilling asked how much the traffic load has changed at the intersection over the past ten years. Mr. Smith responded the traffic load and need to improve the intersection has grown as the community has grown.

Councilman McGull expressed his thanks to the department. He asked the timeline for the Division Street plan. Mr. Smith responded the hope is to have a notice to proceed by July, and the completion date will be in 2023.

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.

Danielle Godsey did not appear to address City Council.

Dr. Robert Olson addressed City Council. Dr. Olson noted he is a member of several groups for health. He further noted he would leave a report and his contact information with the City Clerk. He expressed his belief the COVID-19 vaccine has a negative effect on pregnant women.

Stephen Shareum addressed City Council. Mr. Shareum expressed his belief all Springfield citizens should be good to their neighbors and gave examples of ways to do so. Mr. Shareum provided an example of a way to dispose of pet waste. Mr. Shareum left documentation with the City Clerk.

Colleen Buelow did not appear to address City Council.

Chris Albert addressed City Council. Mr. Albert expressed his opinion that traffic in Springfield has become out of control. He noted the intersection of Battlefield and Glenstone is hazardous. Mr. Albert gave an example of traffic issues on Battlefield he has experienced while at the Farmer's Market at the Battlefield Mall. Mr. Albert asked City Council and the City of Springfield to address the issue.

Councilman Schilling thanked Mr. Albert.

Catherine Crosby addressed City Council. Catherine Crosby spoke on the City's use of funding and commended City Council for their focus on the issue of homelessness. She noted permanent supportive housing is necessary to increase property value, reduce crime, and reduce the burden on the State, adding the allocation of funds does not address the situation fully. Ms. Crosby asked that as much funding as possible be used for permanent supportive housing and State run industries that produce necessary goods.

Phillip Herzog addressed City Council. Mr. Herzog noted he is the Development Director for the Council of Churches for the Ozarks. He expressed his thanks to City Council for their investment in the community and their support of the non-profit sector.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointment to the Board of Equalization: Janet Blair with term to expire April 1, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointments to the Landmarks Board: Jamille Jones with term to expire November 1, 2023; Erik Kiser, with term to expire November 1, 2022.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: John Davis with term to expire April 30, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

The following items appeared under Consent Agenda – Second 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.

Council Bill 2022-154. Special Ordinance 27720 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.

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, Horton, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer and McGull. Absent: Hardinger. Abstain: None.


Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Prepared by
Michelle Brown