

October 17, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session October 17, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

The minutes of the October 3, 2022, City Council meeting were considered. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman McGull and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, McGull, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McClure asked if there had been any requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a request was received to remove Council Bill 2022-258 from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Cotter noted Council Bill 2022-258 will become item 13.5 under Second Reading Bills.

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

The following item appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted more than 100 people living near Springfield Lake Park and the James River Power Plant gathered on October 12, 2022, to learn more about the Lake Springfield master planning process just getting underway. Mayor Ken McClure, Councilman Andy Lear, and Councilwoman Heather Hardinger attended. Steve Prange, with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly (CMT), the consulting firm hired to assist the City with the plan, and Olivia Hough, City Principal Planner from the City's Economic Vitality Department, co-lead the discussion, which included an overview of the scope of the planning process and an invitation to complete a resident survey. Comment cards were also collected to be shared with the planning team and the public. A video of the meeting can be found at lakesgfmasterplan.com. The public is invited to learn more at the kickoff event, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., November 17, 2022, at the Springfield Art Museum.

Mr. Gage noted the Planning and Zoning Commission will be hosting a special meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, to hear a final presentation from Planning and Development staff on the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, ForwardSGF. Staff will be giving a short summary of the resolution adopting the plan, in addition to discussing implementation and briefly going over final changes and edits made since releasing the draft to the public in September. City Council members are invited and encouraged to attend or watch it via live streamed on Cityview. Following a hearing and consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission, staff will be making a much shorter presentation of a resolution adopting the Plan to City Council at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on November 14.

Mr. Gage noted the City Council meeting for October 31, 2022, has been cancelled.

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

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 466:
1306 West
Sunshine Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-250

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 466 for the purpose of permitting an automobile service garage as a conditional use within the GR, General Retail District, generally located at 1306 West Sunshine Street. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: West Coast 711S, LLC; 1306 W. Sunshine Street; Conditional Use Permit 466.)

Council Bill 2022-250. Special Ordinance 27766 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 467:
1025 West
Sunshine Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-251

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 467 for the purpose of permitting an automotive body and fender repair and paint shop as a conditional use within the HC, Highway Commercial District, generally located at 1025 West Sunshine Street. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Clovis Breeden; 1025 W. Sunshine Street; Conditional Use Permit 467.)

Council Bill 2022-251. Special Ordinance 27767 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Springfield Land
Development
Code rezoning:
3050 East
Battlefield Road
and 3020 South
Parkview Avenue**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-252

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1 acre of property generally located at 3050 East Battlefield Road and 3020 South Parkview Avenue from Planned Development No. 222 and R-SF, Single-Family Residential District, to O-1, Office District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 219; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 219; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Dean & Teresa McClish Trust; 3050 E. Battlefield Road and 3020 S. Parkview Avenue; Z-18-2022 w/COD #219.)

Council Bill 2022-252. General Ordinance 6758 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Springfield Land
Development
Code rezoning:
1331 North Stewart
Avenue**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-253

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.29 acres of property generally located at 1331 North Stewart Avenue from GM, General Manufacturing District, to LI, Light Industrial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Troutman Enterprises, LLC; 1331 N. Stewart Avenue; Z-20-2020.)

Council Bill 2022-253. General Ordinance 6759 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Springfield Land
Development
Code rezoning:
3787 South
Jefferson Avenue**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-254

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.57 acres of property generally located at 3787 South Jefferson Avenue from O-1, Office District, to GR, General Retail District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: J&M Tillman LLC; 3787 S. Jefferson Avenue; Z-22-2022.)

Council Bill 2022-254. General Ordinance 6760 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Springfield Land
Development
Code rezoning:
1545 West
Republic Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-255

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3.3 acres of property generally located at 1545 West Republic Street from GR, General Retail District, to HC, Highway Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: 1545 W Republic Road LLC; 1545 W. Republic Street; Z-24-2022.)

Council Bill 2022-255. General Ordinance 6761 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 467:
1545 West
Republic Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-256

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 468 for the purpose of permitting an automotive body and fender repair and paint shop as a conditional use within the HC, Highway Commercial District, generally located at 1545 West Republic Street. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: 1545 W Republic Road LLC; 1545 W. Republic Street; Conditional Use Permit 468.)

Council Bill 2022-256. Special Ordinance 27768 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

**Cost
Apportionment
Agreement:
Pedestrian Safety
Workshop**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-258

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to share costs associated with a pedestrian safety workshop, with the City being responsible for \$7,500 of the total cost of the workshop.

Mayor McClure noted the item was first read as part of the consent agenda on October 3, 2022, and was pulled from the Consent Agenda for the second reading.

Councilman Lear noted he requested the item be pulled from the Consent Agenda to highlight the item as October is National Pedestrian Safety month.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the item will leverage State grant funds to hold a two-day seminar on pedestrian safety. He added City staff, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) staff, and possibly other safety professionals will attend. The training will go through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) program. He further noted safety audits will be performed to enhance safety.

Councilman Lear expressed his appreciation and acknowledged the importance of working with MoDOT.

Council Bill 2022-258. Special Ordinance 27770 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

RESOLUTIONS.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Grants.

**Disease
Intervention
Specialist
Workforce
Program Grant**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-259

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Program grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$162,500 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in support of the sexually transmitted disease prevention and control strategies and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget in the amount of \$162,500 for the purpose of appropriating the grant funds; and

declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Health, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the proposed would allow the department to accept grant funds to support sexually transmitted disease prevention. Mr. Mooney further noted cases of congenital syphilis being passed from a pregnant mother to her baby are on the rise, creating a danger to the baby. The grant funds will allow the department to have a focused effort on syphilis for the next two to three years.

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

Council Bill 2022-259. Special Ordinance 27771 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-260

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$192,496.00 from the United States Department of Justice and to enter into an interlocal agreement with Greene County, outlining the division of the grant funds; and amending the budget for the Springfield Police Department for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$192,496.00.

Tad Peters, Police Major, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Major Peters noted the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is received annually from the Department of Justice. The grant is split with Greene County with 60% going to the City and 40% to the County. He further noted the grant will be used for various needs including forensic analysis software for cellular phones, body-worn cameras, a drone for traffic enforcement, and two police K-9's.

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

Springfield IDEA Commons Tax Increment Financing Plan: Second Amendment

Sponsor: Horton. Council Bill 2022-261

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the Springfield IDEA Commons Tax Increment Financing Plan; approving the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Springfield and Missouri State University; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Agreement with Missouri State University.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed is the second amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan to put the larger TIF plan on hold and go forward with a scaled-down agreement between the City and Missouri State University to address components of the project.

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

**Amending the
Budget: Level
Property Tax-
Operating Fund:
Fire Station #7**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-262

A special ordinance amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, in the amount of \$950,000, to appropriate a portion of the Level Property Tax-Debt Service Fund reserve to the Level Property Tax-Operating Fund for additional funding needed for the Fire Station #7 reconstruction project.

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Vernon noted the appropriation to the Level Property Tax-Operating Funds would be provided to the Fire Station #7 reconstruction project.

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

**American Rescue
Plan Act: Revise
funding for
projects as
recommended by
the City Council
ARPA Review
Committee**

Sponsor: Simpson, McGull, Lear, and Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-263

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 27730 to revise funding appropriated for continuing COVID-19 services; amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") of 2021, for certain projects as recommended by the City Council ARPA Review Committee; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into funding agreements as necessary with recipients of such funds. (The City Council ARPA Review Committee voted to recommend this appropriation to City Council.)

Jason Gage, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Gage noted the proposed would amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate funds for projects as recommended by the City Council ARPA Review Committee. Mr. Gage further noted the City was awarded a total of \$40,276,290. Of the remaining, \$7 million is set aside for homelessness and housing, and \$3 million for COVID-19 critical services. The recommendations are as follows: \$100,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery for rehabilitation and repair; \$150,000 for a CASA project for children in foster care, \$50,000 of which will be taken from the COVID-19 critical services funding; \$2,785,297 to be used with a recent \$2,215,703 award for non-congregate shelter services; \$3,000,000 to the Community Partnership of the Ozarks for a purpose-driven day center project; \$650,000 to the Connecting Grounds for respite care, shower facilities, and storage for the homeless population; and \$564,703 for affordable housing home-ownership programs.

Councilman Ollis asked how the location of the day-program will be established. Mr. Gage noted these are details still in process. The location would go through the traditional land use process.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Tim Havens spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Havens noted he is in support of funding for the Lincoln Cemetery. He provided a history of the cemetery and expressed his belief the funding will be beneficial and allow for much-needed repairs and maintenance.

Councilwoman Horton asked Mr. Havens if he is on the board for the Lincoln Cemetery. Mr. Havens responded he is not on the board, but he is an interested party.

Cheryl Clay spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Clay noted she is a member of the board for the Lincoln Cemetery. She provided a brief history of the cemetery. Ms. Clay noted the funds will provide paved roads and repair urns in the cemetery. Ms. Clay expressed her appreciation for the consideration.

Councilwoman Horton thanked Ms. Clay for speaking on the issue and sharing her personal connection.

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

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

Edgar Hagens addressed City Council. Mr. Hagens expressed his belief the city is in need of more assistance for addiction recovery. He provided a brief description of what it means to be an addict. Mr. Hagens noted he lost two children to drug overdose. Mr. Hagens noted the difficulty of finding help for addiction.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens noted the City Clerk, Anita Cotter, provides fair and knowledgeable assistance. Mr. Havens expressed his belief Springfield has the finest of City Clerks and he acknowledged Ms. Cotter for her work.

Mayor McClure expressed his agreement.

The following item appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Andrew Lear will be the employer representative at the upcoming 2022 Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) Annual Meeting.

Referring Sec. 36-363, 'Conditional use permits,' to the Plans and Policies Committee for a recommendation regarding revising that Code section.

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.

Referred

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

**Storm Warning
Sirens**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-257

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Services Contract with Greene County, Missouri, for the City to continue to monitor and maintain the County storm warning sirens.

Council Bill 2022-257. Special Ordinance 27769 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

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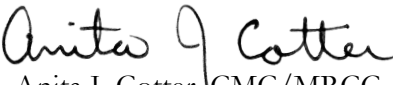
This item was removed from the consent agenda and became item number 13.5 under Second Reading Bills.

BOARD CONFIRMATIONS.

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


Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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