

November 14, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session on November 14, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. Mayor McClure acknowledged the observance of Veterans Day and all that have served.

Roll Call

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

*Attended via videoconference

Minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2022, City Council meeting and the November 1, 2022, Special 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: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

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

The following item appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the Planning and Development Department will begin a housing-needs assessment and conditions study by the end of the year. APD Urban Planning + Management has been selected to perform the study. This will be a data driven study which will be used to identify city-wide and neighborhood-focused housing priorities and provide policy alternatives and intervention strategies to guide the City in decision making for future housing needs. APD specializes in neighborhood planning/revitalization with an emphasis on housing. Their services are built around identifying existing strengths and assets and creating a vision and road map for improving the existing housing market and making permanent, high-quality housing achievable for residents.

Mr. Gage noted the City and City Utilities will host an event to kick off the Lake Springfield planning process. The event will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at the Springfield Art Museum and will be livestreamed at LakeSGFPlan.com. The kickoff is the first in a series of community engagement opportunities to outline the community's vision for the Lake Springfield area, which was identified as a redevelopment opportunity area during the City's Forward SGF comprehensive planning process.

Mr. Gage noted the Environmental Services Department will celebrate America Recycles Day 2022 by offering customer appreciation giveaways at all three of the City's recycling drop-off locations. America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful, is the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Every year

on or around November 15 (America Recycles Day), local events are held throughout the country to celebrate and learn more about recycling programs.

Mr. Gage noted the renovation project for Cooper Park and Sports Complex at Lake Country Soccer began on November 3, 2022. Thanks to American Rescue Plan Act allocations on both the City and State levels, the City was able to reinvest in youth soccer, baseball, and softball facilities with a \$22 million phased renovation, starting with putting synthetic turf on the soccer fields. This will transform this facility and make Springfield competitive as a sporting destination. The City is grateful to City Council's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee, as well as representatives in Jefferson City, Senator Lincoln Hough and Representative Craig Fishel, who worked to bring these one-time dollars to Springfield.

Mr. Gage noted Mayor McClure presented Sam Hamra with the Key to the City at a special ceremony October 31, 2022. Mr. Hamra is an attorney, and the founder and chairman of Hamra Enterprises, which owns and operates restaurants and various real estate projects in Missouri and across the country. Mr. Hamra was also the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's Springfieldian of the Year award in 2018. Mr. Hamra is the fourth person to receive the Key to the City from Mayor McClure. Other recipients include Bill Darr, the late Dr. Robert Spence, and Johnny Morris.

Mr. Gage noted the Department of Public Information is hosting the Mayor's Tree Lighting and Holiday Show on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Each year, Mayor McClure is honored to kick off the holiday season by officially lighting the "Mayor's Tree" in Park Central Square. For more details of the event, visit sgffestivaloflights.com.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson added there is an open house for the Chadwick Flyer Trail Project on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at the Lake Springfield Boathouse.

Police Chief Report

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief update for the department. Chief Williams noted the third quarter crime report shows a 27% reduction overall.

Councilman McGull commended the Chief for the reduction in theft from motor vehicles. Chief Williams noted education and a focus on trending crimes has contributed to the reduction in crimes.

Councilman Hosmer asked how many additional arrests came from traffic stops for unregistered or expired registration vehicles. Chief Williams responded approximately five arrests were made for warrants and one arrest for DWI from the 295 traffic stops made.

Chief Williams noted there are 42 current vacancies in the department. He further noted there are 23 signed up to test for the next Police Academy class. The last 20 graduates are now completing their field training.

Chief Williams noted the last month average for municipal prisoners was 30.

Chief Williams noted three cadets graduated from the Cadet Program.

Councilman McGull asked the number of laterals currently signed up for testing. Chief Williams responded there are three currently signed up to test.

Councilman Schilling asked if anything is being done to mitigate traffic crashes at the intersection of Campbell and Grand. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded a center median is being installed to reduce cross traffic.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second 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.

Council Bill 2022-260. Special Ordinance 27772 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-261. Special Ordinance 27773 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**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.

Council Bill 2022-262. Special Ordinance 27774 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

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.)

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his appreciation to area non-profit organizations.

Mayor McClure acknowledged the ARPA Review Committee for their work.

Council Bill 2022-263. Special Ordinance 27775 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

Economic and Housing Clamity

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-264

A resolution extending the declaration of an economic and housing access calamity for the purpose of continuing to allow service providers to provide food and lodging for the working poor and unemployed in the community; and providing a term for same.

Bob Atchley, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Atchley noted the resolution would re-establish the declaration of an economic and housing access calamity and allow churches and service providers to provide food and lodging for those in need.

Councilman Schilling asked the criteria for establishing this policy. Mr. Atchley responded the City has a poverty level of 21.7% which is higher than the State poverty level of 12.7%. An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Michelle Garand, a representative of Community Partnership of the Ozarks, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Garand noted the proposed would allow shelters, including the year round Safe to Sleep shelter for women. The shelters are independently run, but follow parameters set forth. An average of 152 people were served. She noted no one seeking shelter was turned away last year.

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

Council Bill 2022-264. Resolution 10658 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Springfield
Municipal Court
Judge: David
Mercer**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2022-265

A resolution electing David Mercer as a Springfield Municipal Court Judge for a term of four years.

Jason Gage, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Gage noted Municipal Court Judges are nominated by the City Manager and voted on by City Council according to City Code. He further noted his nomination is David Mercer for a four-year term to begin January 1, 2023. He added Mr. Mercer earned his doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law and has most recently served as a federal public defender. Mr. Mercer is also an Eagle Scout. Mr. Gage expressed his belief Mr. Mercer is a high quality person who will do a good job.

Councilman McGull expressed his approval of the nomination.

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

Council Bill 2022-265. Resolution 10659 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Minor
Neighborhood
Improvement
Program:
Brentwood**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-266

A resolution approving the use of funds from the 1/4-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program in the amount of \$834 to support the fabrication and installation of neighborhood identification signs for the Brentwood Neighborhood Association (Zone 4).

Randall Whitman, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Whitman noted the proposed would allow neighborhood identification signs to be installed in the area.

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

Council Bill 2022-266. Resolution 10660 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Intent to Annex:
354 West Buena
Vista Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-267

A resolution declaring the intent of the City of Springfield to annex approximately 1.14 acres of private property and approximately 0.38 acres of public street right-of-way, generally located at 354 West Buena Vista Street, and referenced as Annexation A-4-2022, into the City. (Staff recommends approval.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed would declare the intent for annexation of private

property and public street right-of-way at 354 West Buena Vista Street and has been requested by the owner.

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

Council Bill 2022-267. Resolution 10661 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Application for
Strengthening
Mobility and
Revolutionizing
Transportation
Grant**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-268

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation federal grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation to support the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of an emergency vehicle traffic signal priority system prototype and improved traffic monitoring camera video sharing among the Transportation Management Center, Springfield Fire Department, and Springfield-Greene County 911 Emergency Communications.

Tom Dancey, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dancey noted the proposed would allow for application for a federal grant to support the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of an emergency vehicle traffic signal priority system prototype and improved traffic monitoring. Stage 1 of the application would involve creating a prototype for the system. The Stage 2 grant would be applied for in a future funding year. The title of the department prototype is Synchronized Emergency Vehicle and Efficient Network Response. The proposed would allow synchronization of traffic signals and implement proactive video sharing.

Mayor McClure asked how competitive the grant is. Mr. Dancey responded it is a competitive grant, and the consultants the department is working with feel the department's prototype is solid.

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

Council Bill 2022-268. Resolution 10662 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Forward SGF
Comprehensive
Plan**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-269. Consideration of this bill is contingent on the Planning and Zoning Commission's adoption of the Comprehensive Plan prior to the City Council meeting.

A resolution adopting the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan as the comprehensive plan for the City of Springfield, Missouri. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission earlier in the evening and a copy was provided to City Council.

Randall Whitman, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Whitman noted the Comprehensive Plan effort began in 2016. Input was collected from over 10,000 participants, and the department received an award for their efforts. Mr. Whitman further noted the complete overview can be found at www.forwardsgf.com. If adopted, the full version can be found at the same website. The document outlines the background of Springfield and what kind of city Springfield could be in the future. The plan outlines steps that will be taken to reach the desired outcome for the city. Mr. Whitman noted some of the Top 10 Forward SGF initiatives as updating the City's zoning code, RestoreSGF, initiating a place-based approach to land use planning, closing gaps in the trail network, initiating annexation along the City's perimeter, and targeting improvements along commercial corridors. Mr. Whitman gave a brief example of current implementation of the ongoing work of ForwardSGF. Mr. Whitman expressed his appreciation for those that worked on the plan.

Mr. Gage expressed his appreciation to all involved and noted the emphasis of the plan on quality of place. He further noted quality of place is necessary to draw talent to the community. Mr. Gage noted to be successful, the community needs the plan, commitment to the plan, pride in the community, and public and private investment.

Tim Rosenbury, Director of Quality of Place Initiatives, spoke about the quality of place. He noted quality of place is one of the five City Council priorities. He further noted quality of place emphasizes community physical image, quality of arts, culture, and historic preservation, and health and well-being.

Mayor McClure expressed his appreciation to all who worked on the plan.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Tom Prater, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in support of the proposed. Dr. Prater noted the public support of the plan. He thanked City staff for providing the necessary information to go forward. Mayor McClure thanked Dr. Prater for his work.

Laurel Bryant spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Bryant expressed her appreciation for the work of all of those involved. She expressed excitement for the process going forward.

Louise Wienckowski, a representative of the Sierra Club's White River Group, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Wienckowski expressed appreciation to City staff, and all others involved for their work. She expressed appreciation that energy efficient methods and natural resources are included in the plan. Ms. Wienckowski expressed her belief Springfield needs a net zero plan.

Don Underwood spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Underwood expressed his appreciation for the plan and emphasized the need for climate change protocols.

Becky Volz spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Volz noted her focus is on neighborhoods and expressed her support for the plan.

Peter Radecki spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Radecki expressed his appreciation for the City staff members who worked on the proposed. He expressed his belief it will be easy to note

movement on the plan by noting recommendations that have been completed. He expressed his belief it is important for motivation to continue.

Susie Turner spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Turner, a member of the Forward SGF Advisory Committee, thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve. Ms. Turner expressed her belief the plan will allow the community to have a robust identity with places of interest and attractions.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his belief this is a historic day for Springfield that could have positive effects for the City in the future. He expressed his thanks to City staff and all other individuals who worked on the plan. He noted the importance of taking a proactive approach to shape the City in a positive manner.

Councilwoman Horton expressed her belief Zone 1 was included in the plan and feels all zones have been included with corridor enhancements. Ms. Horton expressed her belief the plan is actionable and thanked all those who put in the work.

Councilman Lear noted the hard work and length of time taken to come up with a plan. He expressed his belief it is important to execute the plan and thanked all individuals for their work on the plan.

Council Bill 2022-269. Resolution 10663 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Economic
Development
ARPA Community
Revitalization
Grant Application:
Renew Jordan
Creek**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-270

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for up to \$3.7 million in funds from the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development American Rescue Plan Act Community Revitalization Grant Program, with such funds to be used for the Renew Jordan Creek Project efforts of developing public amenities from Boonville Avenue to Main Avenue.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow the department to apply for a grant to be used for the Renew Jordan Creek Project to develop public amenities from Boonville to Main Avenue. The total amount to be applied for is up to \$3.7 million.

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

Council Bill 2022-270. Resolution 10664 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**Missouri
Economic
Development
ARPA Local
Tourism Asset
Development
Grant Application:
Art Museum**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-271

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for up to \$3.5 million in funds from the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development American Rescue Plan Act Local Tourism Asset Development Grant Program, with such funds to be used for Phase II construction of the Springfield Art Museum renovation and expansion.

Nick Nelson, Art Museum Director, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Nelson noted the proposed would allow the application for funds from the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development American Rescue Plan Act Local Tourism Asset Development Grant Program to be used for the Art Museum expansion. Mr. Nelson noted the number of visitors coming to the area as cultural tourists.

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

Council Bill 2022-271. Resolution 10665 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

**2023 Legislative
Priorities**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2022-272

A resolution adopting the City of Springfield's Legislative Priorities for 2023.

Jason Gage, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Gage reviewed the Legislative General Priorities. The first Legislative General Priority requests legislation with statewide impact not be used to address localized concerns and for the City to retain local control. Other Legislative General Priorities include avoiding unfunded mandates, and promotion of public safety, economic vitality, and quality of place.

Mr. Gage reviewed the Legislative Specific Priorities. He noted Springfield opposes legislation that would move municipal elections from April to Fall or introduce partisanship into municipal elections. The City of Springfield is asking for a cap that will limit refinancing and cap the amount of interest that can be charged for payday loans. Other Legislative Specific Priorities include the addition of a Land Bank which allows for betterment of neighborhoods, an accelerated abatement process for chronic property nuisances, municipal court issues, State support for community mental health services, and an amendment to House Bill 1662 regarding home-based work and home-based business to allow for application of reasonable zoning regulations.

Mayor McClure acknowledged the changes requested from the City Council lunch meeting were included in the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed. He acknowledged the benefit of being given tools to use to help combat gun violence in the City, increasing mental health services, and combating practices used by payday loan agencies.

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

Council Bill 2022-272. Resolution 10666 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Grants.

SGF Yields

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-273

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 from a Show Me Zero Grant through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to support the City's current pedestrian safety education program known as SGF Yields and enter into a Show Me Zero Program Agreement; amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$5,000 upon award of the grant; and declaring that this bill qualifies as a one-reading bill.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed would allow grant funds to be accepted and used to improve pedestrian safety through education.

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

Council Bill 2022-273. Special Ordinance 27776 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing.

Amending Springfield Land Development Code: Rezoning 2000 West Thoman Street

Sponsor: Horton. Council Bill 2022-274

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.5 acre of property generally located at 2000 West Thoman Street from HM, Heavy Manufacturing District, to R-SF, Residential Single-Family District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the request came from the property owner and would change the

zoning from Heavy Manufacturing to Residential Single-Family as the original zoning of Heavy Manufacturing is thought to be an error.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the bulk error would best be remedied by rezoning the entire area in question. Ms. Istenes responded the property owner would like to bring their entire property under one zoning. Ms. Istenes noted the entire area can be looked at.

Councilman McGull noted his experience with an area similar and asked the issue be looked into.

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

**Grant Avenue
Parkway
Redevelopment
Plan**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-275

A special ordinance approving a redevelopment plan for the Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area, which is generally bounded by West Olive Street to the north, West Catalpa Street to the south, South Campbell Avenue to the east, and South Douglas Avenue to the west; and declaring the Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area to be blighted and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, morals, and welfare. (The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Staff recommend approval.)

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would approve the redevelopment plan for the Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area by declaring the area to be blighted and its redevelopment necessary. A blight study was conducted by Peckham, Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc. (PGAV) and an area plan was completed.

Adam Jones, a representative from PGAV, noted the goals are a continuation of the community-led process, to lift up the neighborhood, to prevent displacement, and to be flexible in the implementation of the GAP Plan and ForwardSGF. He further noted the tasks included a qualifications analysis (blight study), a redevelopment plan which describes the objectives for the area, and education to inform the community. The community wanted opportunities for small-scale entrepreneurs, to discourage displacement, and activity centers. He noted the plan objectives were to improve housing without displacing long-term residents, use tax abatement in creative ways to keep rents affordable, facilitate private development, and provide housing rehabilitation financial assistance for existing residents and local developers/entrepreneurs.

Councilman Hosmer asked how the plan will encourage individuals to remain in their homes. Mr. Jones noted through the property tax abatement and areas of Kansas City have used this method. Councilman Hosmer asked how abatements will keep rents low. Mr. Jones responded when property taxes do not rise through Consumer Price Index (CPI), then rents typically remain stable. He noted 699 properties were studied.

Councilman Schilling asked if information on nuisance properties was included in the report. Mr. Jones responded crime statistics and nuisance property data was considered.

Councilwoman Horton asked the ratio of homeowners to renters. Mr. Jones responded he does not have that number and most owner-occupied units are west of the corridor.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Keith Ray Mackie spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Mackie noted he is generally in support of the area being designated as blighted and expressed his belief the rental rate is high in the area. He expressed his concern for the rise in rents that may occur as much of the area is economically challenged. He asked if community outreach can be done to educate the neighborhood on tax abatements.

Councilman McGull expressed his belief this is a good plan. He noted the area needs economic revitalization. Mr. Mackie responded the quality of place should also include existing members of the neighborhood.

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

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

**Springfield City
Code: Chapter 98:
Encroachments**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-277

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 98, 'Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places,' Article VII, 'Encroachments on City Property,' to allow for administrative approval of certain encroachments placed or installed by community improvement districts in areas not adjacent to property owned or leased by said districts.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted encroachments are currently allowed for items directly abutting property owned by the applicant. The proposed would all Community Improvement Districts (CID) to apply for encroachment permits in the area.

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

**Cost Share
Agreement for
Roadway
Improvements:
LeCompte Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-278

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement for Roadway Improvements, with the Erlen Group, to coordinate participation in the cost of improvements on LeCompte Road from its intersection with Division Street north to the BNSF Railroad tracks; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$1,256,010 and to accept payment for the Erlen Group's share of the project.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into a cost share agreement for improvements on LeCompte Road from Division Street to the BNSF Railroad tracks. The agreement would be with the Erlen Group.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

John Griesemer, President/CEO of the Erlen Group, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Griesemer thanked City Council and City staff for their work.

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted Council Bill 2022-279 would have a sponsorship change from Ollis to members of the Finance and Administration Committee, which include Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, and Simpson.

**Amending City
Code: Pension
Board : Pension**

Sponsor: Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, Simpson. Council Bill 2022-279

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VI, "Finances," Division 4, "Police Officers' and Fire 'Fighters' Retirement System," Section 2-444, "Board of trustees established; membership; election of members," to revise the residential requirements for Pension Board candidates and to revise the procedures for filling vacant elected voting positions; and amending Sections 2-473, "Non-duty disability pension," and 2-474, "Duty disability pension," to remove the workers' compensation offset.

Lance Roskens, Assistant City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roskens noted the proposed would allow changes to the Police and Fire Pension plan as recommended by the Police and Fire Pension Board. The changes would include a revision to residential requirements for Pension Board candidates and a revision to procedures for filling vacant elected voting positions. The changes would also amend two code sections to remove the workers' compensation offset.

He noted there are five specialist positions on the Police and Fire Pension Board. A change in residency requirements would allow applicants who live in other counties to apply, with a preference for Greene County residents.

Mr. Roskens noted a change to the voting positions would allow the non-voting member to automatically move into the voting-member position, and a special election then be held for the non-voting member position, if a voting-member position were to be vacated.

Mr. Roskens noted the proposed would allow the workers' compensation offset to be removed for new disability pensions.

Mayor McClure expressed his belief it is difficult to imagine applicants for the Police and Fire Pension Board could not be found within Springfield or Greene County. Mr. Roskens noted it has been relayed to him there have been difficulties in the past.

Councilman Lear, the City Council liaison for the Board, noted he has heard of the difficulties, and there is the additional language to add preference to applicants in Springfield or Greene County.

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

**CUP 469: 600
South Glenstone**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-280

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 469 for the purpose of permitting an automobile washing business as a conditional use within the GR – General Retail District, generally located at 600 South Glenstone Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed would allow a conditional use permit to allow an automobile washing business on the southeast corner of Cherry and Glenstone. She further noted the land is currently vacant and surrounding land uses are commercial with residential to the east.

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

**CUP 470: 404, 420,
and 424 East
Sunshine**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-276 (Bill was inadvertently placed under Public Hearing and has been moved to First Reading Bills.)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 470 for the purpose of permitting an eating and drinking establishment use group, including drive-in, pick-up window, or drive-thru facilities, as a conditional use within the LB – Limited Business District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 207, generally located at 404, 420, and 424 East Sunshine Street. (Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial and staff recommends approval.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed would approve a conditional use permit to allow an eating and drinking establishment with a drive through in the limited business zoning district. The business would be a drive-through coffee shop. She further noted the drive-through component was previously denied by City Council, and the Limited Business District was previously approved by City Council. The motion to approve failed 5-1 at the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 6, 2022.

Ms. Istenes noted the major differences made since the original request. The applicant restricted the hours of operation by one hour, outdoor speakers are directed away from residential properties, the dumpster has been relocated, and a pedestrian walkway and outdoor seating has been added.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there was any discussion of adding a median on Jefferson to prevent left turns and enhance traffic safety. Ms. Istenes responded there was not.

Councilman McGull asked the distance between the intersection of Jefferson and Sunshine and the entry. Chad Zickefoose, Professional Engineer, responded approximately 150 feet which accommodates seven cars.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted each speaker will be allotted three minutes as there are eleven speakers.

Royce Reding spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Reding noted he is the developer and the owner of the property. Mr. Reding expressed his belief the proposed meets the criteria of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Reding noted changes have been made in response to input from neighbors. He further noted the project will be a single phase, and sidewalks will be added for walkability.

Councilman Schilling asked why speakers are necessary. Mr. Reding responded music is played as people wait, and the speakers project toward Sunshine.

Mayor McClure asked if there are currently sidewalks on Roanoke Street. Mr. Reding responded there are not.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there will be a walk-up window for customers. Mr. Reding answered affirmatively. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked who would be required to pay for traffic remediation if needed. Mr. Zickefoose responded a traffic impact study was not required for the project. He noted the intersection was analyzed, and it was determined there is more than enough capacity to handle the increased traffic.

Councilman McGull asked if access to Sunshine Street was considered. Mr. Zickefoose responded one of the requirements was that access to Sunshine Street not be permitted. He noted access to Sunshine Street could be considered if the developer chose to do a full impact traffic study. The developer did not choose this option.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there is a different requirement for a traffic study if the business is a drive-through versus a business without a drive-through. Mr. Zickefoose responded there is no difference.

William Cooper spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Cooper expressed his belief the business target is for traffic on Sunshine Street and not the members of the neighborhood. He noted the business model is not a small scale neighborhood business. He further noted Roanoke is a small city street. He expressed his belief the business will not improve the neighborhood. Mr. Cooper asked City Council to deny the proposed.

Art Peine spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Peine expressed his opinion the development will not make the neighborhood better. Mr. Peine suggested that the developer improve the existing homes on the site to improve the neighborhood. He asked City Council to deny the proposed.

Jacob Ruter spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Ruter noted he is the Executive Director of the Springfield Council of Better Business. Mr. Ruter noted they are in support of the proposed as concessions have been made by the developer in response to neighborhood input.

Shanna Boyle spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Boyle expressed her belief a limited business use without a drive-through would better benefit the neighborhood.

Steven Ehasz spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Ehasz noted the developer has made concessions to improve the plan and expressed his belief to deny the proposed would send the wrong message to developers. He noted the church across the street supports the proposed.

Juliane Schulze spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Schulze noted she is diagonally across from the proposed. Ms. Schulze noted limited business is supposed to comply with the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Schulze expressed her belief the proposed does not attract pedestrians and does not meet the Comprehensive Plan's requirement for neighborhood enhancement, as the neighborhood is not the target customer.

Bruce Adib-Yazdi spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Adib-Yazdi noted he does agree with the limited business use but is opposed to the conditional use permit. He expressed his belief the proposed creates a traffic problem. He expressed his opinion the proposed does not create a higher quality of place for the neighborhood. Mr. Adib-Yazdi encouraged City Council to listen to the last seven minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission's closing comments.

Cody Hicks spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Hicks noted he lives next door to the proposed. He noted Roanoke is a small neighborhood street with small single driveways. He expressed his belief the traffic that exits onto Roanoke Street will create a negative issue for neighbors. Mr. Hicks expressed his belief the proposed will not benefit the neighborhood.

Chris Wynn, a civil engineer with CJW Consultants, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Wynn noted the traffic flow shows approximately five cars per hour on average with the maximum number of cars being seventeen, which did not occur at peak traffic hours. Mr. Wynn expressed his belief a drive-through is necessary to the business.

Annette Hollon provided comments online in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Hollon expressed her concern the proposal creates a safety hazard for families and students at Sunshine Elementary.

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

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

Josephine Grace addressed City Council. Ms. Grace expressed her belief Springfield Weapons ordinance section 78-257 should be amended to outlaw Directed Energy Weapons (DEW). Ms. Grace expressed her opinion individuals are targeted and denied their rights.

Councilman Schilling asked what a DEW is and how people acquire them. Ms. Grace responded a directed energy weapon is a neuroweapon and is streamed energy which can be easily acquired.

Freda Dooley addressed City Council in support of mini pigs as pets. Ms. Dooley expressed her belief that mini pigs should be allowed as pets. She noted mini pigs are used as therapy animals and pets. Ms. Dooley noted a mini pig is approximately the size of a Cocker Spaniel or English Bulldog. Ms. Dooley further noted mini pigs eat specific feed and can be walked on a leash and potty trained. Ms. Dooley asked City Council to amend code to allow mini pigs as pets.

Kimberly Chronister, founder of the American Mini Pig Association, addressed City Council in support of mini pigs as pets. Ms. Chronister noted other Missouri cities allow mini pigs as pets.

Neil Brady addressed City Council. Mr. Brady expressed he supports development and growth in the community. He expressed his disapproval of the recent election for Galloway. Mr. Brady expressed his belief the Charter creates risk and uncertainty for developers. He is open to a resolution. Mr. Brady expressed his opinion there is too much growing tension between developers and neighbors. He would like to see improvement in the process.

The following item appeared on the agenda under New Business.

The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Thomas Masterson with term to expire November 29, 2025.

The Mayor recommends the following reappointments to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Amy Chenoweth, Michael White, and Gerald Lee with terms to expire on November 29, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Board of Equalization: Dwight Marshall with term to expire April 1, 2026.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Dr. Earle Doman with term to expire May 1, 2023.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Trish Hubbell and Brennan Pratt with terms to expire May 1, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Landmarks Board: John Sellers with term to expire November 1, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Erin Gray with term to expire May 1, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointments to the Landmarks Board: Erik Kiser and John Hawkins with terms to expire November 1, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Personnel Board: Russell Rowe with term to expire March 1, 2024.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Betty Ridge with term to expire January 1, 2026; Dan Scott with term to expire January 1, 2025.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Public Building Corporation: Courtney Hayes with term to expire September 1, 2028.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Helen Gunther with term to expire January 1, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

**Municipal
Agreement:
Kearney Street**

Sponsor: Horton, McGull. Council Bill 2022-281

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to coordinate the construction and maintenance of improvements along Kearney Street.

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

**Ridge at Ward
Branch CID:
Appointments**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-282

A resolution confirming the appointment of Thomas Jennings Conyers, Dan Coryell, and Derek Smith to the Ridge at Ward Branch Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval).

Council Bill 2022-282. Resolution 10667 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

BOARD CONFIRMATIONS.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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City Clerk

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