



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council

Ken McClure, Mayor

**Zone
Councilmembers**

Monica Horton, Zone 1

Abe McGull, Zone 2

Mike Schilling, Zone 3

Matthew Simpson, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

Heather Hardinger, General A

Craig Hosmer, General B

Andrew Lear, General C

Richard Ollis, General D

February 6, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL.

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

Absent: None.

*Member attended via Zoom.

Mayor McClure welcomed the Scout BSA Troop 235, who are working on their Communications Merit Badge, to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. - (APPROVED AS PRESENTED)

2.1. Approval of Minutes. January 23, 2023, City Council Meeting, January 24, 2023, Special City Council Meeting, and January 31, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

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

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS. (APPROVED AS PRESENTED)

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK TO OR REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDAS MUST DO SO AT THIS TIME.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted, in recognition of American Heart Month, the Springfield Fire Department, CoxHealth EMS, and Mercy EMS are partnering to offer free hands-only CPR training in February at various locations. Visit springfieldmo.gov/fire to view details. No registration is necessary to receive the training.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield Fire Department will hold its graduation at 6 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Springfield Art Museum.

Mr. Gage noted Municipal Court will hold an investiture ceremony for Judge David Mercer at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Springfield Municipal Court.

Mr. Gage noted in recognition of Black History Month, the City is encouraging residents to visit the Springfield-Greene County African American Heritage Trail. The trail winds throughout the Springfield Midtown and Downtown neighborhoods, with signage highlighting nearly twenty points of interest. There are a variety of stories to be told – of faith, friendship, perseverance, music, and community. To learn more visit africanamericanheritagetrailsgf.org.

Mr. Gage noted the documentary film “A Plastic Ocean” will be screened at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Moxie Cinema, 305 South Campbell, as part of the City’s Environmental Services department’s “Enviro Flick” movie series. The film was selected by staff as a vehicle for community discussion and education centered around plastic use, pollution, and recycling. This screening is free to the public, but seating is limited.

Mayor McClure noted on January 26, the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks awarded the City of Springfield a top 10 award for donations made in 2022, with Springfield ranking number one of 40 counties. Mayor McClure recognized Nikki Bounds and Tina Stob for their commitment to the project. He also thanked David Holtmann and Brett Foster for their support and efforts. Mayor McClure acknowledged Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, who also serves as the President of the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks Board. Mayor McClure also recognized Audrey Yates, the coordinator of InBalance, the City's employee wellness program. He acknowledged all that made donations and encouraged all that can to make donations. Mayor McClure presented a plaque to Nikki Bounds and Tina Stob.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-028 (Hardinger) **ORDINANCE 6776**

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 82, ‘Parks and Recreation,’ Article I, ‘General,’ Section 82-1, ‘Park rules generally,’ to clarify the hours of operation and closure of the City’s various park locations and to improve the consistent regulation of alcohol throughout the park system

Council Bill 2023-028 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis,

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

6.2. Council Bill 2023-029 (Hosmer) **ORDINANCE 6777**

A general ordinance amending Chapter 120, 'Wastewater Regulations,' Article VI, 'Wastewater Charges and Rates,' Section 120-245, 'Rates,' and Section 120-247, 'Extra Charges,' of the Springfield City Code, by repealing the existing rate schedule and establishing a new rate schedule that provides for phased-in annual rate increases for three years, beginning July 1, 2023, which shall provide necessary funding for accommodating increases in operating costs and for the additional cost of complying with the Clean Water Act and Missouri Department of Natural Resources mandates.

Council Bill 2023-029 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-030 (Lear) **ORDINANCE 27801**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, on behalf of the City, to enter into a First Amendment to the Battlefield Wastewater Service Contract to provide an expanded, Battlefield Annexation Boundary within which Battlefield can annex in order to provide wastewater services.

Council Bill 2023-030 (Lear) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. **RESOLUTIONS.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2023-033 (Schilling) **RESOLUTION 10685**

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a State Revolving Fund Loan of up to \$13,000,000 paired with a Water Quality Incentive Grant of up to \$1,500,000 from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of funding construction of the Renew Jordan Creek – Main to Boonville Project. (Staff recommends approval.)

Kirkland Preston, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Preston noted the proposed would allow the City to apply for a State Revolving Fund Loan of up to \$13 million for the purpose of funding construction of the Renew Jordan Creek – Main to Boonville Project. He added the loan would be administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and these rates are targeted at 70% below market rate at approximately 1.1%.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if this application would be used as a contingency plan in case other grant applications are not awarded. Mr. Preston responded affirmatively.

Councilwoman Horton asked the difference between using sales tax revenue versus going into debt for the project. Mr. Gage responded the City may not have the flexibility to fund the project. The loan would serve as a back-up. Mr. Gage further noted the City would need to

check the balance first. He added the City may not have to use the full \$13 million if grant opportunities are successful. Councilwoman Horton questioned if going into debt is the best way to fund the project. Mr. Preston reiterated the interest rate is 70% below market rate at approximately 1.1%.

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

Council Bill 2023-033 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: Horton. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING. - It is anticipated that City Council will vote on this bill at the February 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2023-034 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 6.4 acres of property generally located at 739 West Talmage Street from R-SF, Single-family residential district, to Planned Development No. 383; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Baptist Temple of Springfield; 739 W. Talmage St.; Planned Development No. 383.)

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed development is approximately four acres and is divided into two areas. Area A would be used for multi-family housing, and Area B, which is currently vacant land, would be developed for single-family use. He added Area A would contain approximately thirty-three units and have parking with access from Talmage Street. Mr. Hosmer noted Area B would contain twenty-two single family homes with access from Missouri Street or Talmage Street. The amenities for the proposed would include a dog park, recreational areas, playground equipment, an indoor fitness area, an outdoor pavilion and grill area, and laundry facilities. He added the use is consistent with the intended use of the area with single-family homes and multi-family properties on the edges. Mr. Hosmer noted the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the proposed on January 12, 2023.

Mayor McClure asked to view the map for clarity.

Councilman Lear asked if the site plan must be followed if the proposed plan is approved. Mr. Hosmer answered affirmatively.

Councilwoman Horton expressed her belief that the proposed appears to be two separate

zoning cases as the property on Talmage is only just over two acres, and there are two separate addresses. Mr. Hosmer responded the zoning district for the whole tract is a planned development. He added the addresses will change with development and the hearing is for both tracts. Councilwoman Horton expressed her opinion that more housing is needed. She asked if Missouri Avenue would be extended to improve traffic volume, and if sidewalks would be installed due to the narrow street. Mr. Hosmer responded the homeowner's association will be developed to take care of streets and all common areas. He noted a significant traffic increase is not anticipated.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the proposed has a cul-de-sac. Mr. Hosmer responded there is only access through Talmage Street and no access to Grant Street. Councilman Hosmer asked if 15 houses per acre is overdense. Mr. Hosmer responded the number of units is within the allowable limits.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Laurie Brotherton expressed her opposition to the proposed. She noted the Comprehensive Plan land use plan groups the area in a traditional plan. She expressed her belief a 33-unit apartment building would create too dense of an area and lower property values. Ms. Brotherton expressed her opinion the proposed would negatively affect the neighborhood through increased traffic, lot size, and poor drainage, and would negatively affect the grade school in the area. She noted there are no traffic lights on Broadway Avenue. Ms. Brotherton also spoke on behalf of Clara Busby, a neighbor, and noted the driveway for the proposed would be directly outside of Ms. Busby's front door. Ms. Brotherton asked City Council to vote no.

Councilwoman Horton asked Ms. Brotherton to discuss the neighborhood meeting that was held on December 22, 2022. Ms. Brotherton noted that, due to weather conditions on the date of the meeting, it was difficult to attend; only five neighbors in attendance.

Anna Phillips expressed her opposition to the proposed. She noted the rezoning will affect families for years to come. Ms. Phillips noted the neighborhood is a low-traffic area and feels the proposed is not best for the community. She recommended using the property as a farm for education.

Fred Sherwood expressed his opposition to the proposed. He noted 3/4 of his property would be lined by the detention pond, dog park, and a playground. He noted if the detention pond floods, it will overflow into his backyard. He expressed his opinion the neighborhood cannot handle the increased traffic. He noted there is a school in the neighborhood, which could create a safety concern.

Mike Stalzer, the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted a traffic study was conducted and showed no improvements were needed. Mr. Stalzer further noted the density meets the zoning requirements. He added an entrance to Grant Avenue was proposed but could not be used, as the entrance was too close to the nearby driveways.

Councilwoman Horton asked who owns the property. Mr. Stalzer responded that Baptist Temple is the current owner, and he will buy the property if the rezoning is approved.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there will be bufferyards between the proposed development and the neighbors. Mr. Stalzer responded affirmatively and explained the bufferyards will consist of plantings, as required by the zoning requirements, and a fence. The homes built in

the development will be sold for homeownership and the apartments will be for rent. The Missouri Street driveway will be completed as it is the only place to access the development.

Councilwoman Horton asked if the applicant feels the neighborhood meeting was sufficient as there was bad weather. Mr. Stalzer responded there was a previous meeting where there were approximately 60 individuals present. He expressed his opinion that the neighbors had been given time to present their opinions.

Councilman Lear asked the zoning of Area B and if the density is sufficient for the property. Mr. Stalzer responded the density is less than required.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. It is anticipated that City Council will vote on these bills at the February 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-035 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the General Fund budget for the City Clerk for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, by appropriating a portion of the accumulated carryover funds and increasing expenses in the amount of \$90,000 for special election costs related to the referendum petition of the rezoning of certain properties on South Lone Pine Avenue.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed would adjust the General Fund budget to cover the costs of a general election related to a referendum petition regarding the South Lone Pine area. He further noted the special election costs are a one-time expense.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2023-036 (Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, and Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services as provided in the Springfield City Code, by making such adjustments as provided in the attached "Evaluation of Charges for Municipal Services;" and adopting new fees for certain City services. (The Finance and Administration Committee recommends approval.)

Teresa Allen, Budget Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Allen noted one-third of fees are evaluated each year, and the remaining two-thirds of fees are increased by the Consumer Price Index. She noted the fees reviewed were Building Development Services, Fire, Health, Police, and Environmental Services Enterprise Fund fees. She added there was one new fee added for Public Works. Ms. Allen noted certain Public Health fees are set below cost as to not discourage those services from being used. Ms. Allen further noted, in total, 108 fees. Of these, 80 fees will be increased, and 15 fees will have no change. The recommended fee adjustments would generate approximately \$735,000 in total revenue. Of this, \$40,000 would go to the General Fund and \$695,000 to the Non-General Fund. Ms. Allen added the total projected revenue from fees is \$14.5 million, with \$1.2 to the General Fund which includes Building Development Services permits, fire station room rentals, Police reports, and DUI arrests. The remaining Non-General Fund fees are from food permits, health

testing services, weed and nuisance abatements, and Enterprise Fund fees. Ms. Allen added all fees are proposed to be effective July 1, 2023.

Councilman Hosmer asked if fees charged in lieu of have been modified. Ms. Allen responded fee in lieu of began last year, will be increased this year by the Consumer Price Index, and will be re-evaluated next year. She added July of 2024 will be the first year these fees could possibly be collected at 100%. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion that DUI offense fees should be recovered at 100%. Ms. Allen responded that minimum fees collected are based on hours and 100% of costs are recovered for DUI offenses. The full cost is charged to the offender. The City is allowed a certain number of spots in the jail for holding costs, and the City only pays if it exceeds the amount of spots allowed. Mr. Gage noted the statutes would have to be reviewed.

Councilman Lear asked if fees are established by working with the department. Ms. Allen responded affirmatively. She added the estimated amount of staff time to complete each service is provided by the department. Councilman Lear noted the tipping and enterprise fees have a big impact on the revenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his agreement with Councilman Lear and thanked him for his service as the Finance and Administration Committee Chair.

Mayor McClure also thanked Councilman Lear for his work on the Finance and Administration Committee.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2023-037 (Schilling)

A special ordinance declaring the necessity of acquiring by condemnation the real property herein described for the purpose of constructing and maintaining storm water and bridge infrastructure in the Renewal of Jordan Creek Improvements Phase 1 Project and the Main Avenue Bridge Replacement Project; and authorizing designated officers, or their designees, to do all things necessary to carry out the terms of this Ordinance.

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted the proposed is to declare the use of eminent domain necessary for the property at 334 North Main Avenue. He further noted the three-story property with basement operates seasonally as the Hotel of Terror haunted house. Mr. Dunnaway noted the Main Avenue bridge is in need of repair, and vehicles are restricted from using the bridge. He added the small size of the bridge makes it conducive to flooding. He further noted the proposed bridge would improve City Utilities transit. Mr. Dunnaway added the proposed cannot be completed without acquisition of this property. He added the Renew Jordan Creek Project would benefit, and Jordan Creek would be restored to its natural state. Mr. Dunnaway noted all the needed properties for the project have been acquired except 334 North Main Avenue. He further noted the City has been unable to make arrangements with the owner to acquire the property.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Sterling Mathis spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Mathis, the property owner, noted the

property already available to the City is wider than what is needed to complete a bridge and expressed his opinion the bridge could be renovated without acquisition of his property. Mr. Mathis noted the offer made to him is less than 50% of what is needed to relocate the haunted house and renovate a new property to be a haunted house. He expressed his belief that many people love to go to the Hotel of Terror. He noted he would like to continue to operate the Hotel of Terror. Mr. Mathis noted he works a full-time job as well as running the haunted house. He asked that City Council table the issue to allow further discussion.

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

13.4. Council Bill 2023-038 (Horton)

A special ordinance declaring the necessity of acquiring by condemnation permanent and temporary easements over, under, and through the property herein described for the purpose of constructing and maintaining storm water infrastructure in the Grant and Norton Stormwater Improvement Project; and authorizing designated officers, or their designees, to do all things necessary to carry out the terms of this Ordinance.

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted the proposed would allow for the use of eminent domain to acquire property in the Doling area. The property would be used to complete stormwater projects. He added easements from six properties are required to make the improvements, and five properties have been acquired to date. Mr. Dunnaway noted the property owner passed away in 2015 and it has become apparent that determining heirship would be very difficult and time-consuming.

Councilman Schilling asked about the permissions from the owner's family. Mr. Dunnaway noted the property has not gone to probate and determining heirship is complicated.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the aesthetic of the property would be improved. Mr. Dunnaway responded the corridor is tight, the amount of space is limited. This is an attempt to reduce flooding. He added the aesthetic would not be priority for this property.

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

13.5. Council Bill 2023-039 (Simpson)

To authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the State of Missouri, Office of Administration, for the purpose of accepting state American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the benefit of the Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society d/b/a the Ozarks Empire Fair; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a subrecipient grant agreement with the Ozarks Empire Fair Foundation for the funds appropriated by House Bill 3020, Section 20.851, Fiscal Year 2023, for the benefit of the Ozarks Empire Fair; and amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$10,000,000.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted that House Bill 3020 the Missouri General Assembly appropriated \$10 million for the benefit of the Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society. The purpose was to support the planning and construction of an arena at the fairgrounds. The funds must be

released through a local government agency and then passed to the fairgrounds. The proposed would allow the City to enter an agreement to accept funds and enter a subrecipient agreement to disperse funds to benefit the fairgrounds

Mayor McClure clarified the City would act as a pass-through agent.

Kent Hyde, a representative of the Fair Board, was available for questions.

Councilman Schilling asked Mr. Hyde if the proposed was previously reviewed by City Council. Mr. Hyde responded the last similar agreement was for State funds. He noted this funding will be passed through in the same way as a previous agreement.

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

13.6. Council Bill 2023-040 (Lear)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article VI, 'Finances,' Division 4, 'Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System,' Section 2-458, 'Investment of assets of retirement fund,' to tie authorized investment categories to the statement of investment policy.

Janelle Manley, Springfield Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees Administrative Director, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Manley noted the proposed would allow the Springfield City Code to be amended to allow use of the City Council approved Investment Policy Statement that lists authorized maximum amounts to be invested.

Councilman Lear asked if following the investment policy will allow for flexibility in investing in current markets. Ms. Manley responded affirmatively.

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

13.7. Council Bill 2023-041 (McClure)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with The John Q. Hammons Charitable Trust dated May 11, 2018, for the purpose of purchasing said Trust's rights in Hammons Field and to execute all exhibits attached to said agreement for the purpose of settling issues related to the bankruptcy of The Revocable Trust of John Q. Hammons; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with 946 East Trafficway, LLC, for the purpose of purchasing two parking lots; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement amending and restating a ballpark lease agreement with the Springfield Cardinals, LLC; and amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$16,000,000 for the purpose of appropriating funds to purchase the Charitable Trust's rights to Hammons Field, to purchase the parking lots, and to provide funds for initial capital improvements to Hammons Field.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into an agreement to purchase two parking lots, amend and restate a ballpark lease, and provide funds for initial capital improvements to

Hammons Field. She noted the City would purchase the Charitable Trust rights to Hammons Field, purchase parking lots at 946 East Trafficway and 234 North John Q. Hammons Parkway, enter an amended and restated lease agreement with the Springfield Cardinals to extend their lease for an additional 15 years and provide a fund of \$4 million for initial capital improvements, and enter into a settlement agreement that would resolve the City's participation in the Hammons Bankruptcy case. She further noted approval of this ordinance would approve all agreements. Ms. Lewsader added all the components of the proposed are interrelated, and in order to enter into one, it is necessary to enter into all.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his appreciation to the Law Department for their work on the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer asked the price of the stadium and the price of the parking lots. Ms. Lewsader responded the stadium price is \$6.5 million and the parking lots are \$5.5 million. Councilman Hosmer asked if the ordinance can be divided. Ms. Lewsader noted she believes the question can be divided, but the agreements are interrelated, and all or none must be approved.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Joe Everest expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief a home baseball team is important to family and community and believes the purchase of the parking lot would be beneficial.

Alice Barber expressed her opposition to the proposed. She expressed her belief there are more beneficial ways to use the money. Ms. Barber noted a previous study showed the priorities of the citizens of Springfield are affordable housing and support services.

Jim Meadows expressed his support for the proposed. He noted he is a business owner in the area. He expressed his belief the proposed stadium purchase is beneficial for economic growth in the city.

Bob Roberts spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief baseball is a family activity and beneficial to the community. He expressed his excitement for keeping baseball in Springfield.

Darlene Steele expressed her opposition to the proposed. She expressed her belief the money could be better spent on the needs of the people, such as affordable housing, and noted the 25% poverty rate in Springfield. Ms. Steele suggested the money be spent on priority needs that would benefit all citizens of Springfield.

Councilman Hosmer noted the City's dependence on sales tax and that the purchase of the stadium makes good fiscal sense. He expressed his belief the City should focus on both the needs of the citizens and development which increase sales tax revenues. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief sports tourism is good for the City. Ms. Steele expressed her belief that the stadium purchase should be done by a private citizen.

Mayor McClure noted \$12 million was spent this year on homeless support and services.

Kyle Moats, a representative of Missouri State University, spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief the activities at the ballpark could be expanded to include other events,

such as concerts and movie nights.

Dan Reiter, General Manager for the Springfield Cardinals, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Reiter noted municipally-owned stadiums are the norm for Minor League Baseball. He expressed his belief the purchase of the stadium will be positive for the community as it generates tax revenue, increases tourism, and is fun for citizens. He noted the Springfield Cardinals will be self-sustaining moving forward, as they will be paying higher rent to the City going forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked about the Springfield Public Schools ticket program. Mr. Reiter responded students are given two tickets each to attend a game. The reason for two tickets is to allow a parent or guardian to also attend for free.

Councilwoman Horton asked how many are employed by the Springfield Cardinals. Mr. Reiter responded there are 29 full-time and 350 part-time employees, not including vendors or Missouri State employees. New opportunities for employment will be increased with a focus on special events.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support for the purchase of the stadium. He asked how the purchase of the parking lot will benefit the City. Mr. Reiter noted the purchase of the parking lot will result in a decrease of approximately 33% to 50% in parking fees in the first year.

Mayor McClure noted revenue from parking would go into the capital fund to be used for future upgrades to the stadium, with the goal of making the stadium self-sustaining.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15. NEW BUSINESS. All items were accepted as presented.

15.1. Refer to the Plans and Policies Committee the issue of demolition by neglect.

Mayor McClure asked if there is any objection to the matter being referred to the Committee.

Councilwoman Horton noted she requested the issue be referred to the Plans and Policies Committee.

15.2. The Mayor recommends the following reappointments to the Tree City USA Advisory Committee: Aaron Scott, as the Community Foundation of the Ozarks representative, and Brandon Cook, as the citizen-at-large representative, with terms to expire December 1, 2025; and Susan Turner, as the Ozarks Greenways representative, with term to expire December 1, 2024.

15.3. The Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Tree City USA Advisory Committee: Nancy Evans, as the Neighborhood representative, with term to expire December 1, 2024; and Robert McDaniel, as the citizen-at-large representative, with term to expire December 1, 2025.

15.4. The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Chase Snider with term to expire October 1,

2025.

- 15.5. The Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Jamea Crum with term to expire October 1, 2023; Kay Holcumbrink and Charity Jordan with terms to expire October 1, 2025.
- 15.6. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointment to the Police Civilian Review Board: Katie Bolt-Goeke with term to expire May 1, 2025.
- 15.7. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following appointment to the Police Civilian Review Board: Kim Flores with term to expire May 1, 2025.
- 15.8. 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.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

18. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS. See Item #3. It is anticipated that City Council will vote on this bill at the February 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.

18.1. Council Bill 2023-042 (Ollis)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the reimbursement of expenses associated with the replacement of traffic detector loops at intersections maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation when removed as part of City of Springfield streets resurfacing projects.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS. See Item #3.

19.1. Council Bill 2023-043 (Hosmer) **RESOLUTION 10686**

A resolution reappointing Ryan Mooney, Gary Powell, and Matt Simpson to the Springfield Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board. (The Mayor and City staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2023-043 was approved as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

19.2. Council Bill 2023-044 (Lear) **RESOLUTION 10687**

A resolution approving nominations made by the Mayor and appointing Todd Chambers, Abigail Jefferson, Dakota Jefferson, James Johnson, and reappointing Lois Reeves to the Northwest Area Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (City staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2023-044 was approved as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent:

None. Abstain: None.

19.3. Council Bill 2023-045 (Hardinger) **RESOLUTION 10688**

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Missouri Department of Transportation to fund the salary and travel expenses for City or contract personnel to manage the Springfield's Pedestrian Safety Campaign, SafeAcross, and to pay for local pedestrian safety education.

Council Bill 2023-045 was approved as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anita J. Cotter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.