



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 21, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers
830 Boonville Ave.

**Clerk's Note: It was noted on April 12, 2023, that public hearing language was inadvertently left out of the minutes and has been corrected.

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis*, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Monica Horton, Abe McGull, and Ken McClure.
Absent: None.

*Member attended via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (APPROVED AS PRESENTED)

2.1. Approval of Minutes. February 6, 2023, City Council Meeting and February 14, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

City Manager's Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the City of Springfield, with APD Urban Planning Management will hold a community meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on February 23, 2023, at the Springfield Art Museum. This meeting will provide information regarding a city-wide housing study, which aims to create a detailed housing database providing information about housing conditions, unit counts, affordability, and overall neighborhood characteristics, and is an opportunity to learn about the state of housing and for citizens to provide information about their experiences living in Springfield.

Mr. Gage noted the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development will hold a public hearing in the Busch Building on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to solicit input on the City of Springfield's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) funds for fiscal year 2023, and its HUD Annual Action Plan at 6 p.m.

Mr. Gage noted the City of Springfield has issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) through 1 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023, for construction manager at risk services for the Historic City Hall Renovation project. The project will involve the substantial renovation of the interior of Historic City Hall, including three occupied floors as well as a full basement and attic space, to allow the building to continue as a municipal office and meeting facility. He further noted the City's construction budget for the project is approximately \$10 million and will be funded primarily through the City's Level Property Tax and City allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Mr. Gage noted job seekers will have the opportunity to meet with designers, contractors, consultants, and labor unions who are involved in the Grant Avenue Project to talk about job openings at their respective organizations. The industry job fair will take place at 10:30 a.m. on February 23, 2023. The goal of the job fair is to highlight the variety of careers associated with a large-scale project like the Grant Avenue Parkway, and provide access to job seekers looking to pursue those careers in design, contracting, engineering, and construction. He further noted the location would be posted.

Mr. Gage reminded everyone it is pothole season, and these can be reported by calling the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010, using the mobile app "GoSpringfieldMo", or filling out a form online.

Councilman Hosmer thanked Mr. Gage for the 2019 community impact report on marijuana facilities. He cited several negative statistics regarding crime around marijuana facilities. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the city should rethink the distances at which marijuana facilities can be located from daycare and churches. Councilman Hosmer asked when the 3% tax on the facilities would start and expressed his belief that part of the tax should be used for law enforcement. Mr. Gage responded these ideas will be reviewed.

Councilman Ollis asked if a neighborhood meeting could be set up between neighbors, businesses, and MoDot regarding the Sunshine Street corridor plan . Jason Gage responded it would be possible. Councilman Ollis expressed his willingness to work with City staff to facilitate the meeting.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Williams provided a report on 2022 Crime Data. Chief Williams noted a decrease of approximately 17% in crime overall, including Crimes Against Persons, Property, and Society. He further noted Crimes Against Persons decreased by 5.1% and Crimes Against Property decreased by 21.4% overall. Chief Williams noted there was a decrease in most categories. Theft of auto parts had a significant decrease. Burglary and auto theft decreased overall. Chief Williams thanked the police department and noted cooperation with citizens is part of the reason for the decrease.

Chief Williams noted Crimes Against Society decreased by 19.2% from 2021. The data showed a notable decrease in all crimes overall. Chief Williams added there were 20,000 reported crimes in 2022, which is a decrease from two years ago. He added a portion of this result is from less proactive policing and a change in marijuana laws may cause the stats to remain flat.

Chief Williams noted the four Quarterly Focus and Trending Crimes topics for 2023 are Robbery for Quarter 1, Sexual Assaults for Quarter 2, Theft From Vehicles for Quarter 3, and Domestic Assaults for Quarter 4. He further noted of the trends of crime from the previous year, robbery was the only category that increased.

Chief Williams noted gun violence increased in 2022, with 356 shots-fired calls and 73 injured. He further noted 229 illegal guns were seized in 2022. Chief Williams added the number of cases thus far for 2023 as 33. He noted work has continued to solve cases, and efforts are directed at violent crimes. Chief Williams noted there is a group of criminals that account for a great number of violent cases, with many of those acts directed at each other. Chief Williams added 37 guns were seized, 57 individuals responsible have been identified, and 32 of those have been charged with crimes. He noted there are hot-spots for shots-fired calls, and these are a focus of the department.

Chief Williams noted municipal warrants increased. Chief Williams further noted there is a focus on arresting those with municipal warrants. Chief Williams noted an increase in municipal citations and a decrease in traffic crashes, including a decrease in fatalities. The increase in municipal prisoners after September 2022, is due to more arrests for municipal warrants. Chief Williams noted the average number of municipal prisoners per day ranges from approximately 21 to 55 per day.

Chief Williams discussed Directed Patrol Efforts. He noted the budget left over due to understaffing is used to fund overtime for directed patrol efforts to reduce crime. Chief Williams noted the Plaza Shopping Center and the North Glenstone Avenue area as examples. He added The Plaza Shopping Center problem was solved, and the North Glenstone Avenue problem is ongoing. Chief Williams noted some of the North Glenstone problems were displaced.

Chief Williams noted a reduction in traffic crashes and fatalities, with an increase in traffic injuries. He added approximately 1,000 more tickets were written overall. Chief Williams noted the Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) program using a visible presence to drive crime down. The DDACTS focus on four specific quadrants yielded approximately 300 more traffic stops per month, and approximately 30 fewer traffic accidents per month.

Chief Williams provided a staffing update. He noted there are currently 48 vacant positions for officers. Chief Williams added this includes the lowest number of injured and military leave vacancies in a decade. He noted there are 21 officers currently in training who will graduate next month. Chief Williams reported the goal of applicants for 2022 was exceeded. He noted there were 419 applicants and 6 Lateral Hires in 2022. Chief Williams noted there were 14 Police Service Representative positions filled in 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Chief Williams for the report. He expressed his appreciation for the update on direct patrol work. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there is an update on the status of dealing with gambling. Chief Williams responded the department is waiting for direction from the state before addressing the issue.

Councilman Lear thanked Chief Williams for his report. He asked if there is a way through ordinances to mitigate facilities that are an ongoing problem regarding crime. He asked if Greene County statistics are separate from city statistics. Chief Williams responded affirmatively.

Councilman McGull asked for an update on 12 hour shifts that were implemented in the Police Department. Chief Williams responded that the majority of Police Officers are satisfied with the shifts. Chief Williams noted the increase in Municipal Court and that he works closely with the court regarding the increase.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there is a common denominator for gun violence. Chief Williams responded there are all ages, and the violence is related to several different types of crime. He added there have been 57 individuals identified as the majority of the problem. Chief Williams noted the department works closely with juvenile resources due to the increase in juvenile offenders and the seriousness of their first-time offenses. Councilman Hosmer asked if an unregistered vehicle can be cited by Traffic Service Officers if it is on the street. Chief Williams responded affirmatively.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there has been any response regarding using the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) cameras at intersections they maintain. Mr. Gage responded he has not yet received a response from MoDot. Councilman Hosmer asked the cost of cameras for the intersections. Chief Williams responded the cost is approximately \$3,500 each.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-034 (Horton). **Tabled until the March 20, 2023, City Council Meeting.**

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.)

Councilwoman Horton noted parts of the proposed project did not go to the Planning and Zoning Commission. She added there is no code in place stating a neighborhood meeting must be rescheduled in cases such as inclement weather. Ms. Horton expressed her belief the dangerous inclement weather on the night of the neighborhood meeting caused a lack of attendance. Ms. Horton expressed her belief the issue should be tabled or remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to be further reviewed. Councilwoman Horton questioned why the developer was not willing to buy the entire parcel.

Councilwoman Horton expressed her belief the proposed should be remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor McClure asked for clarification. Councilwoman Horton responded the issue should be remanded back to accommodate the time limitations on having a neighborhood meeting.

Mayor McClure asked for legal clarification. He questioned the best way to proceed given the suggestion.

City Manager, Jason Gage, noted it is being reviewed by the City Attorney. Mr. Gage suggested a recess to give the Law Department more time to look into the issue. Mayor McClure asked if the proposed could be tabled until later in the meeting. Mr. Gage noted Council Bill 2023-034 could be tabled until later in the meeting.

Councilwoman Horton moved to table Council Bill 2023-034 to be discussed after Council Bill 2023-040. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion and it 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 2023-035 (Hardinger) **ORDINANCE 27803**

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.

Council Bill 2023-035 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-036

(Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, and Simpson) **ORDINANCE 6778**

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.)

Council Bill 2023-036 (Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, and Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2023-037 (Schilling) **ORDINANCE 27804**

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.

Councilman Lear noted the proposed the City to use eminent domain. He added the proposed would also allow the property owner to receive fair value, and negotiations can continue on the property. He added third parties are used to determine fair value.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted when there is an eminent domain case, negotiations continue, and the goal is to come up with a fair value during the negotiations.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked for clarification on the fair market value for the relocation costs. He asked if the relocation costs are separate from the fair market value of the building. Mr. Gage responded the process is separate for relocation.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there is a way to allow the building to remain. Mr. Gage expressed his belief this would cause a complete redesign of the plan to accommodate the existing building. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the owner would also be allowed a jury trial if they do not believe the settlement to be fair.

Council Bill 2023-037 (Schilling) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2023-038 (Horton) **ORDINANCE 27805**

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.

Council Bill 2023-038 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent:

None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2023-039 (Simpson) **ORDINANCE 27806**

A special ordinance 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He thanked the State Legislature and Governor for supporting the project. He noted this will create expanded opportunity for North Springfield.

Councilman Hosmer verified the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed in a prior fiscal year. He expressed his belief the Federal Government should also be thanked for the funds.

Council Bill 2023-039 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2023-040 (Lear) **ORDINANCE 6779**

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.

Council Bill 2023-040 (Lear) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.8. Council Bill 2023-034 (Horton) **Tabled from Item 6.1 to Item 6.8. Then tabled until the March 20, 2023, City Council Meeting.**

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.)

Council Bill 2023-034 was tabled from item 6.1 to item 6.8 on this agenda. The discussion continued at that point.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, responded according to City Code section 36-367 City Council can remand to the Planning and Zoning Commission by a simple majority. Ms. Lewsader noted there is nothing in the code that suggests this would trigger a new neighborhood meeting. She added that City Council can request a 2nd neighborhood

meeting, although there is no procedure set forth to do so.

Councilwoman Horton suggested the time be reset so another neighborhood meeting was necessary 21 days prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Ms. Lewsader responded the City does not have authority to require some of the steps that have been proposed.

Councilman Lear asked if the proposed is remanded, should it be done with an explanation. Ms. Lewsader responded affirmatively and added, in doing so, City Council would be creating a new procedure. Mayor McClure expressed his agreement that if the proposed were remanded, an explanation as to why would be necessary.

Mayor Pro Tem noted remand sends an issue back to the Planning and Zoning Commission process. A second neighborhood meeting cannot by code be required by City Council.

Councilman Schilling expressed his belief there is good sense in being fair and giving citizens a chance to express their opinions. Ms. Lewsader responded this is not addressed in City code. She noted City Council could re-open the meeting to comments from neighbors.

Councilman Lear expressed his belief there would be concern to set precedent by requesting another neighborhood meeting. If remanded, there would be additional chance for neighborhood input. He noted there were multiple times of opportunity for citizen input prior to the current City Council meeting.

Mr. Gage suggested City Council could table the council bill to a later meeting and suggest the developer hold a meeting.

Councilwoman Horton expressed she would feel comfortable with this solution.

Mayor McClure moved Council Bill 2023-034 be tabled until the March 20, 2023, City Council meeting with the request that the developer hold an additional neighborhood meeting.

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

7. RESOLUTIONS.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2023-046 (Hardinger) ORDINANCE 27808

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 \$303,194.10 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 2022-2023 budget of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in the amount of \$303,194.10 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 an extension to funding to focus on syphilis, which is on the rise. He noted data shows 288 cases of syphilis in 2022, which is a more moderate increase than in previous years. Mr. Mooney noted the accomplishments in the first three months including hiring two staff members, a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, and development of outreach strategies, and strengthening partnerships with healthcare partners. He expressed his belief the program would be running within three months.

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

Council Bill 2023-046 (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.

10.2. Council Bill 2023-047 (Hardinger) **ORDINANCE 27809**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a State Homeland Security Grant Program grant to support the sustainment and operation of the Springfield Fire Department/Region-D Hazardous Materials Team, Technical Rescue Team, and Bomb Squad, with a combined value of \$309,501.20; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

David Pennington, Fire Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Pennington noted the proposed would allow the department to accept a Homeland Security Grant to support the sustainment and operation of the Springfield Fire Department/Region-D Hazardous Materials Team, Technical Rescue Team, and Bomb Squad. He added there is no local match required.

Mayor Pro team Simpson asked if the equipment and training serves the entire region-D. Chief Pennington responded affirmatively.

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

Council Bill 2023-047 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

13. FIRST READING BILLS. It is anticipated that City Council will vote on these bills at the March 6, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-048 (Simpson)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield Art Museum for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$200,000 to appropriate funds from the Art Museum Special Project Fund for the acquisition of an outdoor sculpture.

Nick Nelson, Art Museum Director, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Nelson noted the proposed would amend the budget of the Springfield Art Museum in the amount of \$200,000 to allow for the acquisition of an outdoor sculpture. He further noted the outdoor sculpture is part of the museum's Master Plan. He added the Art Museum Board voted to approve the purchase of an outdoor sculpture.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked for a preview of the sculpture. Mr. Nelson responded the museum is interested in a sculpture by artist Sarah Braman. He added the art piece is an abstract piece made with concrete and stained glass.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2023-049 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to classifications and salary grades for various job titles within the City service as contained in the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Non-Union Schedule by adding seven (7) new job titles and deleting four (4) job titles; and the Professional, Administrative, and Technical IBEW Union Schedule by adding two (2) job titles; amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to adjust the authorized employee positions by adding seven (7) new Full Time Equivalent positions to the Environmental Services Department; and establishing two new Occupational Series Groups, one for the Veterinarian position and one for Labor and Employee Relations positions, both with associated Occupational Series market pay adjustments.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow for the addition of seven new job titles and deletion of four job titles to the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Non-Union Schedule, and add two new job titles to the Professional, Administrative, and Technical IBEW Union Schedule. She added the second component would add seven new full-time equivalent positions to the Environmental Services Department and establish two new Occupational Series Groups; one Veterinarian position and one Labor and Employee Relations position, both with Occupational Series market pay adjustments.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2023-050 (Lear)

A special ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery by the City of Springfield, Missouri, of Special Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2023, in a principal amount not to exceed \$15,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs related to improvements to Historic City Hall, the City's animal shelter and Public Works operations building, and certain fire stations; amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget of the City in the amount of \$15,500,000; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed would authorize the sale of Special Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2023, in a principal amount not to exceed \$15,500,000, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs related to improvements to Historic City Hall, the City's portion of the animal shelter, fire station improvements, Hazelwood Cemetery improvements, and Public Works operations building improvements. He noted the projects were identified in the 2017 Level Property Tax campaign.

Councilman Lear asked what the anticipated interest rate would be. Mr. Holtmann responded increases have been noted within the last 30 days and it is anticipated to be approximately 4.1% true interest cost.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

14.1 Calvin Allen wishes to address City Council. **Appeared.**

Calvin Allen addressed City Council. Mr. Allen noted an internal affairs complaint issued to Chief Williams in September 2021. He expressed his belief there was negligence in the investigation of the murder of Calvin Allen Jr. Mr. Allen presented documents to the City Clerk's office regarding the complaint. The documents were distributed to City Council members by email.

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

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.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2023-051 (Ollis) **RESOLUTION 10689**

A resolution confirming the appointments of Matt Schaefer and Brent Parker to the Convention and Entertainment Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2023-051 (Ollis) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. None. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS. See Item #3.

20.1. Council Bill 2023-042 (Ollis) **ORDINANCE 27807**

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.

Council Bill 2023-042 (Ollis) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21. BOARD CONFIRMATIONS. All items were accepted as presented.

21.1. Confirm 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.

21.2. Confirm 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.

21.3. Confirm the following reappointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Chase Snider with term to expire October 1, 2025.

21.4. Confirm 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.

21.5. Confirm the following reappointment to the Police Civilian Review Board: Katie Bolt-Goeke with term to expire May 1, 2025.

21.6. Confirm the following appointment to the Police Civilian Review Board: Kim Flores with term to expire May 1, 2025.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. ADJOURN.

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

Prepared by Michelle Brown


Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk