



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council

Ken McClure, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers

Monica Horton, Zone 1
Abe McGull, Zone 2
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3
Matthew Simpson, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

Heather Hardinger, General A
Craig Hosmer, General B
Callie Carroll, General C
Derek Lee, General D

June 5, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Abe McGull*, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Heather Hardinger, Callie Carroll, Derek Lee, Brandon Jenson, Monica Horton, and Ken McClure.
Absent: None.

* Councilmember attended via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. May 22, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Councilman Hosmer moved to approve the May 22, 2023, City Council meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

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

Mayor McClure asked if there had been any requests to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Anita Cotter, City Clerk, responded there were two requests. The first request was to remove Item 2023-153 at the applicants' request. Ms. Cotter noted the applicant plans to make significant changes to the preliminary plat. She further noted if a sponsor withdraws sponsorship of the bill and no other member assumes sponsorship, the bill will die for lack of sponsorship. Councilman McGull withdrew his sponsorship of Council Bill 2023-153, and the bill died for lack of a sponsor.

Ms. Cotter noted a request was received to remove Council Bill 2023-157 from the Consent Agenda – First Reading Bills. Council Bill 2023-157 was removed from

Consent Agenda - First Reading Bills and became item 13.15 under First Reading Bills.

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, 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, provided an update. Mr. Gage noted on June 8, 2023, the Planning and Development Department and APD Urban Planning would host a second community meeting in conjunction with the city-wide housing study. The meeting will take place at the Ozarks Technical Community College Plaster Center for Advanced Manufacturing. This meeting will provide an opportunity for residents to learn the results of APD's "windshield survey" of the city, which will include details about Springfield's housing conditions, a brief characterization of neighborhoods in each Council zone, address the gap between housing/rental prices and incomes, and describe different types of housing. Residents may participate in a mapping exercise and vote on preferred strategies for neighborhood revitalization. The presentation portion of the meeting would be livestreamed at cityview.springfieldmo.gov for those unable to attend in person.

Mr. Gage noted the City of Springfield would begin conducting Citizen Satisfaction Surveys and a long-term planning survey next week. Surveys will be mailed to 12,000 randomly-selected households in the city limits of Springfield. Within 10 days of receiving a survey in the mail, residents can expect to receive a follow-up email reminding them to complete the survey and mail it in or complete it online via a link provided in the email. The survey is estimated to take about 15 minutes to complete. He added the purpose of our Citizen Satisfaction Survey is to gather feedback on City programs and services. It's a valuable tool to measure the progress of City Council and staff priorities. Mr. Gage noted the long-term planning survey will provide guidance on more specific types of projects. The surveys are being conducted by ETC Institute. ETC is a national leader in market research that has administered more than 700 surveys in cities and counties across the U.S. According to its website, ETC has conducted research for more major U.S. cities than any other firm, surveying more than 2 million people since 2006 in more than 850 cities in 49 states. ETC performed the City's 2014, 2011, and 2019 citizen surveys and was awarded the 2023 contract through a competitive bidding process. Survey results will be presented to the City Council and made available to the public later this summer.

Mr. Gage noted nearly 1,500 individuals registered to volunteer in one or more volunteer cleanup or beautification opportunities in April and May. Volunteer opportunities included one-time street and stream cleanups, various beautification projects at sites throughout the city, and two Point of Pride Cleanups. Volunteer support was provided for many of the scheduled Neighborhood Cleanups hosted by Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Nearly 1,000 followed up on their registration, completing one or more of their volunteer commitments. Assuming an average of 2.5 hours of volunteer work per registrant, it is estimated that Clean Green volunteers logged more than 2,500 volunteer hours through the initiative.

Mr. Gage noted nearly 1,500 bags of trash were collected by Clean Greeners throughout the campaign. The Clean Green Tire Toss collected 1,587 tires and served 297 households. Tires will be recycled through Prime Trucking's Eco Shred service.

The tires are used to make rubber mulch and other products. He added the total number of televisions recycled was 242, and the total number of mattresses recycled was 485.

Mr. Gage noted more than 300 people interested in the future of Lake Springfield attended the second public engagement meeting at the Lake Springfield Boathouse on May 4. About 100 people took advantage of the power plant tours hosted by City Utilities prior to the meeting. He added additional tours are planned for the fall, and a third round of public engagement is planned for October. Visit lakesgfplan.com to stay up to date.

Mr. Gage noted construction continues along the Grant Avenue Parkway as crews are expanding work north of Grand Street and into the West Central Neighborhood. Utility work is currently ongoing between Grand and State Streets with traffic limited to one-way southbound only. Northbound traffic is advised to follow the posted detours, generally utilizing Campbell Avenue. He further noted work on the south portion of the route, between Sunshine Street and Ildereen Street, is nearing completion and the reopening of Grant Avenue to two-way traffic on this segment is anticipated anytime.

Mr. Gage provided a Republic Road widening project update. He noted construction on the final phase of roadway widening along Republic Road is progressing on schedule with gas and water utility relocations and stormwater infrastructure installation underway ahead of roadway work. He added the project involves the widening of Republic Road from three lanes to five lanes between Fairview Avenue and the traffic signal at Chase, including sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, stormwater improvements, and the addition of bike lanes. Construction will extend north on Campbell Avenue, including updates to stormwater and utility infrastructure. The project is designed to provide better integration between Campbell Avenue, Republic Road, and James River Freeway. Mr. Gage noted over the next few months, construction of curb and gutter and sidewalk and driveway work on Republic Road east of Campbell, as well as the installation of a new signal at Chase will begin. He added nighttime single-lane closures are expected to begin shortly. The project is expected to be complete by December.

Councilman Hosmer asked when results would be received for the Citizens Survey. Mr. Gage responded results are received in approximately 3-4 weeks. The results will then be reviewed and presented to City Council in a future lunch session.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-117 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 4.8 acres of property generally located at 2323 West Grand Street from O-1, Office district, to GI, Government and institutional use district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Lakeland Hospital Acquisition; 2323 West Grand Street; Z-10-2023.)

Council Bill 2023-117 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2023-118 (Simpson)

A special ordinance approving the final development plan of Planned Development District No. 379, generally located at 1616 East Bradford Parkway and 3811 and 3813 South Weller Avenue. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: EWR Springfield Cambium LLC; 1616 East Bradford Parkway and 3811 South Weller Street; Final Development Plan – Planned Development 379.)

Council Bill 2023-118 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-121 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance setting a preliminary tax levy on real and personal property for current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; and declaring an emergency.

Councilman Jenson noted he received several comments from constituents regarding their concern about being able to pay their property tax bills. He noted there is an appeal process available through the Greene County Clerk's Office for those individuals who would like to contest the valuation of their property.

Council Bill 2023-121 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2023-120 (Carroll)

A special ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget; and declaring an emergency.

Councilman Hosmer asked if an additional probation/parole officer for Municipal Court was added as part of this budget. David Holtmann, Director of Finance, responded affirmatively. Councilman Hosmer asked if funding for the Firefighter Trust Fund for cancer treatment was also included. Mr. Holtmann responded affirmatively. Councilman Hosmer asked if the imbedded Human Resources position for the Police Department to facilitate recruitment was included. Mr. Holtmann responded this is not in the proposed budget. He added there is a commitment to bring ideas to City Council regarding funding for this position. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the City must act quickly to recruit officers in the current employment market. Mr. Gage noted this position will be researched.

Council Bill 2023-120 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2023-122 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the General Fund budget for the Fire Department of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, in the amount of \$245,000 to appropriate a portion of the General Fund carryover funds to complete a Fire Department facility renovation project previously approved for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Council Bill 2023-122 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2023-123 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 operating budget by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$1,900,000 to allocate \$1,300,000 of revenue and associated offsetting expense items from Parks 2001 and 2006 Sales Tax Funds, \$250,000 within the Parks General Fund, \$80,000 in reimbursements from insurance claims, and \$270,000 of revenue and associated expense items within the Golf Fund, respectively.

Council Bill 2023-123 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2023-124 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving the amended bylaws of the Art Museum Board of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

Council Bill 2023-124 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2023-126 (Horton, Hardinger, Hosmer, Jenson)

A resolution affirming City Council's commitment to applying the Five Pillars of Change detailed in the 2022 Mayor's Initiative on Equity and Equality Report to constituents from the LGBTQ+ community; and demonstrating City Council's dedication to continued collaboration with constituents from the LGBTQ+ community and all citizens to improve the culture of inclusion and belonging in Springfield.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted as a resolution the proposed is an affirming action. The bill has four sponsors with Monica Horton, Zone 1 Councilwoman, being the lead sponsor.

Mr. Gage offered Councilwoman Horton the opportunity to address the proposed. Councilwoman Horton noted she would like to proceed with the public hearing.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there were fifteen speakers and, in accordance with City Council's policy, each speaker would be limited to three minutes each. Mayor McClure encouraged each speaker to be respectful and adhere to the timeframe.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Courtney Pinkham-Martin spoke in support of the proposed. They noted the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Equality Bill (SOGI) was lost in 2015, which took members out

of protection. They expressed their belief the bill would be a bridge to include these members in the community. Courtney Pinkham - Martin expressed their belief it is important to "love thy neighbor" and show love and kindness to every member of the community.

Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, president of the GLO center, spoke in support of the proposed. They expressed their belief the LGBTQ+ community is under attack. They further expressed their belief the resolution is a good first step. They asked City Council to expand on the bill with other actions, including creating a task force.

Councilwoman Hardinger thanked Kyler Sherman-Wilkins for attending and recommended the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations subcommittee for addressing LGBTQ+ issues be re-opened to better understand their unique needs.

Calvin Morrow spoke in opposition to the proposed. Calvin Morrow expressed their belief there are many church leaders in the area that feel it is necessary to respond to the proposed. They expressed their belief that those with a biblically based opinion are designated as adversaries. They expressed their belief the resolution creates division and should not be passed.

Darlene Steele spoke in support of the proposed. They expressed their belief the resolution is a bare minimum and overdue in the community.

Elyse Riley spoke in support of the proposed. They noted they were a long-time resident of Springfield and a veteran, and thanked City Council for expressing support for equality. They expressed their hope to raise their daughters in a loving city.

Ross Ligon spoke in opposition to the proposed. They expressed their belief the important issue is to define what is right and wrong, and to follow what God thinks is moral.

Gloria Galanes spoke in support of the proposed. They expressed their belief the resolution is an example of Springfield defining what type of city it wants to be. Gloria Galanes noted they wish to live in a city that is inclusive and supports everyone. They expressed their belief the LGBTQ+ community does not feel safe in Springfield because they are not safe. They noted their God is one of love.

Carmen Raileanu spoke in opposition to the proposed. Carmen Raileanu noted they represent a large community of immigrants who want to raise their children in Springfield. They expressed their belief it is not right to defy natural order and asked City Council to reject the proposed.

Alice Barber spoke in support of the proposed. Alice Barber thanked the sponsors of the resolution. They urged all members of City Council to support the resolution and noted the LGBTQ+ community experiences homelessness and housing discrimination at a disproportionately higher rate than others. They noted 24% of homeless youth are members of the LGBTQ+ community, which is three times what would be expected if orientation and gender identity didn't affect access to housing. Alice Barber noted LGBTQ+ youth are more likely to become homeless due to being kicked out of the homes of their parents.

Manuel Gonzales spoke in opposition to the proposed. Manuel Gonzales expressed their opinion it is unsafe to be a heterosexual male Christian. They expressed their belief the Five Pillars are not necessary as there are protections already in place. Manuel Gonzales asked City Council to provide acknowledgment to veterans.

Zion Riffe-Stevens spoke in support of the proposed. They expressed their belief the resolution could help reduce fear by standing with members of the LGBTQ+ community. They thanked City Council for their work and support.

Lexi Mason spoke in support of the proposed. Lexi Mason expressed their belief the resolution would be a step in the right direction as they feel rights are under attack by the Missouri government. They expressed their belief that religion has no place in government, and the support of City Council would be meaningful to the LGBTQ+ community. They suggested City Council have a subcommittee to address LGBTQ+ issues.

Roy Holland spoke in opposition to the proposed. Roy Holland, a retired physician, expressed their belief there are other priorities that need attention. They noted LGBTQ+ are 7.2% of the population as noted in Gallup data. They expressed their belief there have been several detrimental social changes over the last 60 years, one of which is the makeup of the family.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the speaker was against fostering inclusion and belonging. Roy Holland responded that this culture has invaded society, which is unnecessary.

Jeremy Dean spoke in support of the proposed. They expressed their belief the resolution is a testament to City Council's dedication to the LGBTQ+ community by fostering a community of inclusion and belonging. Jeremy Dean thanked the sponsors of the resolution.

Liz Wertz spoke in support of the proposed. They expressed their belief retention of talent in this area is due to lack of support for marginalized communities, which includes the LGBTQ+ community.

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

Councilwoman Horton thanked all of the speakers for attending and thanked the co-sponsors for their support. She acknowledged the resolution, which encourages dialogue and understanding, is a key pillar of change. Ms. Horton expressed her desire that more would be done to protect Springfield community members from homophobia, bullying, and legal discrimination in all areas. Ms. Horton wished Happy Pride Month to all who celebrate.

Councilwoman Hardinger thanked the speakers. She noted her intent in co-sponsoring the proposed was to extend a small token of gratitude to the LGBTQ+ community and let the members know that they belong, and their contributions are part of what makes Springfield a vital community. Councilwoman Hardinger acknowledged a resolution of this nature has been long overdue. Councilwoman Hardinger recommended the Human Rights Committee reopen the subcommittee to address LGBTQ+ issues.

Councilman Jenson acknowledged the LGBTQ+ community and noted their contributions are invaluable to the City. He addressed those who spoke against the resolution and recognized we all love our community, noting it is important to look at things that unite all as a city, and do not divide us. Councilman Jenson noted the LGBTQ+ community has encountered instances of discrimination in the city. He added there are unique safety concerns for the LGBTQ+ community. He noted the strongest democracies recognize diversity as a great asset.

Councilman Lee expressed his belief that LGBTQ+ issues are divisive on a National, State, and City level. He noted the messages received by individuals who were concerned about the city sponsorship of this year's Pridefest. Councilman Lee acknowledged the contributions and wants to protect the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as every other community in

Springfield. He denounced discrimination. He expressed his opinion the resolution asks City Council to support events many individuals oppose and noted he does not see how he can support a bill that does not represent Springfield as a whole.

Councilwoman Hardinger noted the resolution was about acknowledging contributions and coming together in support.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the intent of the resolution is to protect basic human rights and encourage inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community. He expressed his belief this is a moral issue as you should treat people how you want to be treated. Councilman Hosmer noted the job of City Council is to treat everyone fairly.

Councilman Jenson noted there have been instances of discrimination in the city. He added the resolution recognizes that the LGBTQ+ community matters.

Councilman McGull noted the government has a limited role in personal life and should promote the health, safety, and general welfare of all citizens. He noted the differences of people should not be an impediment to these basic rights. Councilman McGull expressed his support for the resolution, as it is anti-discriminatory.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked the speakers for their attendance. He noted the issue has been divisive and acknowledged we are better as a community if all citizens feel welcome and safe.

Mayor McClure thanked the speakers for sharing their experiences and perspectives. He acknowledged the courage it took to share personal experiences. Mayor McClure expressed his sincere desire all citizens be treated with respect and grace. He expressed his belief citizens should be extended this courtesy. Mayor McClure expressed his belief the motives of every City Council member are pure, regardless of how they vote. He noted the themes of his last State of the City speech as follows: Moving Forward; Taking Time to Heal; Taking Time to Dream; Moving Past Divisions; and Uniting Under a Common Goal. He expressed his belief we cannot let disagreements divide us, as we are more alike than different. Mayor McClure noted the City does not regulate events that occur on the Square. The City is not a sponsor of the event, and two City departments paid for booth space to provide information as they do at other events. Mayor McClure noted the resolution would apply the Five Pillars: Dialogue and Understanding; Cultural Consciousness; Advocacy and Partnerships; Structural and Systemic Barriers; and Personal and Organizational Accountability to the LGBTQ community. Mayor McClure encouraged compromise to accomplish things.

Council Bill 2023-126 (Horton, Hardinger, Hosmer, Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Lee. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

City Council took a fifteen minute recess. City Council reconvened at approximately 8:25 p.m.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2023-127 (Simpson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development for the purpose of accepting federal American Rescue Plan Act grant funds to support construction of the Springfield Art Museum Renovation and Expansion Project, and to exercise any and all powers necessary to obtain such funding and carry out the identified activities; amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$2,752,750; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Kate Francis, Museum Affairs Officer for Fundraising and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Francis noted the proposed would allow the Springfield Art Museum to accept federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Springfield Art Museum Renovation and Expansion Project. Ms. Francis added the expansion project is part of the 2028 fundraising campaign. She noted this award would not necessarily have been possible without receipt of a \$3 million ARPA allocation received from City Council. This grant award, along with other private donations, made for a strong grant application.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked the team from the Art Museum that worked on the application and expressed his belief this is a great project for the City.

Council Bill 2023-127 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

10.2. Council Bill 2023-128 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a State Homeland Security Grant Program grant to provide for the purchase of an emergency response vehicle to support and sustain the operation of the Springfield Fire Department / Region D Homeland Security Regional Response System Technical Rescue team; amending the budget for the Fire Department in the amount of \$175,000; 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 Fire Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$175,000 to purchase an emergency response vehicle to support and sustain the operation of the Springfield Fire Department/Region D Homeland Security Regional Response System Technical Rescue Team. He added the grant is provided by the State Homeland Security Grant Program, and no local match is required.

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

Council Bill 2023-128 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2023-129 (Horton)

A special ordinance approving the Boyd School Redevelopment Plan submitted by the Boyd School Redevelopment Corporation for the redevelopment of an area generally located at the northwest corner of the intersection of East Lynn Street and North Washington Avenue; declaring the area in the Boyd School Redevelopment Plan to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare; authorizing certain tax abatement within the area of the Boyd School Redevelopment Plan; and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Boyd School Redevelopment Corporation relating to the implementation of the Boyd School Redevelopment Plan. (Staff, the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Councilman Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2023-129 and left the dais.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow approval of the Boyd School Redevelopment Plan. She noted this is a redevelopment of approximately 1.5 acres of property for mixed use. The property is an adaptive reuse of a property that was formerly a school. The request is for 25 years of partial real property abatement pursuant to Chapter 353 of Revised Missouri Statutes. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the key elements of the redevelopment plan are plan application, blight report, redevelopment plan, tax impact analysis, and but-for analysis. She added the required findings are to determine if the area is blighted, if the plan conforms with ForwardSGF, and if the project would not be feasible without the abatement. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the property was determined to be blighted and the plan is for a 17-unit residential property which allows for 3,500 square feet of retail space. The historic structure will be preserved, buffer yards added, and existing trees preserved. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the requirements for the abatement and the abatement would be necessary for the project to be viable.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the Greene County Assessor had determined the tax for the property. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded the value had been determined.

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

Councilman Lee returned to the dais.

12.2. Council Bill 2023-130 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.85 acre of property generally located at 504 East Norton Road from R-SF, Single-family residential district, to R-MD, Medium-density multifamily residential district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Foundation; 504 E. Norton Road; Z-12-2023.)

Kyle McGinnis, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. McGinnis noted the proposed would rezone approximately 0.85 acres of property at 504 East Norton Road to medium-density multifamily residential district. He added the request is accompanied by Conditional Use Permit No. 473. The projects allow for construction of a donation drop-off center in association with the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Foundation. He added the lot meets the requirements and a buffer yard would be added.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Colby Wallace, a representative of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Foundation, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Wallace noted the Ranch started as an orphanage and today serves over 350 individuals in the community. He added the transitional living program helps youth who age out of foster care.

Councilman Jenson thanked Mr. Wallace for the service provided to the community.

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

12.3. Council Bill 2023-131 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 7, 'Grant Avenue Parkway District Standards,' Sections 36-487, 'Bulk Standards,' and 36-488, 'Permitted and Conditional Uses,' for the purpose of adding nonprofit community centers as a permitted use, and allowing a minimum height of 35 feet for buildings, in Subdistrict F. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Boys and Girls Club of Springfield; Grant Avenue Parkway (GAP) Subdistrict F Text Amendment).

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would amend the Land Development Code to add nonprofit community centers as a permitted use and allow a minimum height of 35 feet for buildings in the Grant Avenue Parkway Subdistrict F. He added the proposed would allow a Boys and Girls Club of Springfield to be established in the area.

Councilman Lee noted two of the three developments previously considered by City Council for the area needed code changes to be allowed and questioned the existing requirements.

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bill 2023-132 and Council Bill 2023-133 together.

12.4. Council Bill 2023-132 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and amending Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' for the purpose of annexing approximately 9.2 acres of private property generally located at 3444 West Sunshine Street and 3503 West Washita Street, and approximately 0.14 acre of Greene County right-of-way generally located at 1900 South Farm Road 133 (Moore Road), and referenced as Annexation A-2-2023, into the City of Springfield. (Staff recommends approval.) (By: Donald L. & Patricia L. McCurry Trust, Greene County (public ROW).); 3444 W. Sunshine Street, 3503 W. Washita Street and 1900 S. Farm Road 133 (Moore Rd.); A-2-2023.)

12.5. Council Bill 2023-133 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 22.4 acres of property generally located at 3444 West Sunshine Street, 1819 South Moore Road, 1903 South Farm Road 133, and 3503 West Washita Street from Greene County C-2, General commercial district, Greene County R-1, Suburban residence district, Greene County Plot Assignment District No. 1901, and City of Springfield GR, General retail district, to HC, Highway commercial district, with Conditional Overlay District No. 225; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 225; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Donald L. & Patricia L McCurry Trust, South Creek Development Corp, & Sunshine Crossing, LLC. ;3444 W. Sunshine Street, 1819 S. Moore Road, 1903 S. Farm Road 133, and 3503 W. Washita Street; Z-4-2023 w/COD #225.))

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of Council Bill 2023-132. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would allow for annexation of approximately 9.2 acres of property generally located at 3444 West Sunshine Street and 3503 West Washita Street, and approximately 0.14 acre of Greene County right-of-way generally located at 1900 South Farm Road 133 (Moore Road). He added the City would receive property and sales tax upon annexation.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there were tracts of land adjacent to the proposed annexation. Mr. Neal responded there are, and consent has been granted on some of those. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief future annexations need to be reviewed holistically.

Kyle McGinnis, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of Council Bill 2023-133. Mr. McGinnis noted the proposed would allow for rezoning of approximately 22.4 acres of property generally located at 3444 West Sunshine Street, 1819 South Moore Road, 1903 South Farm Road 133, and 3503 West Washita Street to Highway commercial district, with Conditional Overlay District No. 225; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 225. He added the district is generally compatible with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McGinnis noted a bufferyard has been added with a lowered building to make the buffer more efficient.

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

12.6. Council Bill 2023-134 (Horton)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 473 for the purpose of permitting a transitional service shelter as a conditional use within the R-MD, Medium-density multifamily residential district, generally located at 422, 424, and 504 East Norton Road.(Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Foundation; 422, 424, and 504 E. Norton Road; Conditional Use Permit No. 473.)

Kyle McGinnis, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. McGinnis noted the proposed would allow for a transitional service shelter as a conditional use within a Medium-density multifamily residential district at 422, 424, and 504 East Norton Road. He added the proposed fits within the Comprehensive Plan.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Colby Wallace spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Wallace noted he was available for any questions.

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

12.7. Council Bill 2023-135 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending Urban Conservation District No. 2, generally referred to as the Rountree Urban Conservation District, to expand the boundary to include additional area to the north and east and to amend the text regarding use, intensity of use, building and lot standards, building orientation, materials, siting and design, access, parking standards, screening, bufferyards, and signage. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: City of Springfield; Area generally bounded by Elm Street, National Avenue, Grand Street and Glenstone Avenue; Z-11-2023/Rountree Urban Conservation District.)

Councilman Lee noted he had prepared a motion to potentially refer the proposed after the public hearing.

Alana Owen, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Owen noted the proposed would amend the Rountree Urban Conservation District by rezoning an area of land to expand the boundary of Urban Conservation District No. 2 and adopt a new set of Rules and Regulations pertaining to land uses within said District. She added in 2017, City Council directed staff to work with the neighborhood to update the neighborhood plan and recommend changes to the Urban Conservation District. The neighborhood plan was adopted in 2018. The focus of the plan was to protect the neighborhood, preserve housing stock, and review development on National Avenue and in the Cherry Street/Pickwick area. The Rountree Neighborhood Plan made several recommendations, including expansion of the Urban Conservation District, design plans for buildings, residential design guidelines, and review of mixed-use development. Ms. Owen noted the plan is consistent with the recommendations of the Neighborhood Plan and with ForwardSGF.

Councilman Jenson asked what experiences staff had with developers and if there has been a need for education regarding the Codes. Ms. Owen responded the community wanted to see improved quality of place which requires staff to work with developers to provide needed education.

Councilwoman Horton expressed her respect for the process staff went through.

Councilman Lee expressed his support for the staff. He asked why the form chosen by the City does not match the existing retail developments. Ms. Owen responded the staff worked with H3, a consulting company, and the form contained the H3 recommendations, which staff took to the committees for review.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the requirement for three floor developments requires retail to exist on all three floors. Ms. Owen responded there is no requirement.

Councilman McGull thanked the citizens of the Rountree Neighborhood Association for their work. He expressed his opinion the process followed for the proposed is the process the City and neighborhoods should follow.

Councilman Jenson noted the proposed is different than what is traditionally used and encouraged others to work with the development community to consider new ideas.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Peggy Wise spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Wise expressed her belief it makes sense to have parking in the rear and have buildings be accessible to pedestrians. She noted the experience with H3 was a positive one. They worked with the neighborhood to come up with the best recommendations for the neighborhood. Ms. Wise noted the neighborhood worked with developers throughout the process and compromises were made on all sides.

Councilman Lee thanked Ms. Wise for her work on the project and for working with others on the project.

Jeff Bentley spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Bentley noted he owns an office building in the area. He expressed his belief the plan would maximize the value in the neighborhood. He feels the mixed use and walkability will drive growth in the area. Mr. Bentley noted a traffic calming effort in the area has been a success.

Nancy Evans spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Evans thanked City Council members for their support. She noted the neighborhood has collaborated with staff and developers. The neighborhood plan supports a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. She noted the neighborhood plan follows the Comprehensive Plan.

Laurel Bryant spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Bryant noted the neighborhood began work on the plan in 2017. She expressed her belief the neighborhood plan reflects compromise made by the neighbors and developers.

Councilman Lee thanked Ms. Bryant for her effort in the process.

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

Councilman Lee noted he would not bring forth a motion. He noted the form used for development does not match existing requirements. Councilman Lee suggested consideration be given to making changes to the retail portion of the form in the future. He expressed his belief the plan is a good one overall.

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

12.8. Council Bill 2023-136 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.21 acre of property generally located at 3503 West Washita Street from Greene County Plot Assignment District No. 1901 to R-SF, Single-family residential district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: South Creek Development Corp; 3503 W. Washita Street; Z-6-2023.)

Kyle McGinnis, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. McGinnis noted the proposed would allow for rezoning 0.21 acres at 3503 West Washita Street to single-family residential district. He further noted the property would be used for single-family homes.

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

12.9. Council Bill 2023-137 (Jenson)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 472 for the purpose of permitting a self-storage facility as a conditional use within the GR – General Retail District, generally located at 1706 South Zimmer Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Bibi Investments & Development, LLC; 1706 South Zimmer Avenue; Conditional Use Permit No. 472.)

Councilman Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2023-137 and left the dais.

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparling noted the proposed would allow for a Conditional Use Permit to permit a self-storage facility at 1706 South Zimmer Avenue. He further noted the building would contain retail and a climate-controlled self-storage facility.

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

Councilman Lee returned to the dais.

12.10. Council Bill 2023-138 (McGull, Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 402 acres of property generally located in the 3400 to 4000 block of East Division Street and 1600 to 2200 block of North Le Compte Road from Planned Development No. 229 Amendment 1 to Planned Development No. 229 Amendment 2; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Springfield Underground, Inc.; 3400-4000 block of East Division Street, 1600 to 2200 block of North Le Compte Road; Planned Development No. 229, Amendment 2.)

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would allow for rezoning of 402 acres in the 3400 to 4000 block of East Division Street and the 1600 to 2200 block of North Le Compte Road to Planned Development No. 229 Amendment 2. He further noted the facility is the Springfield Underground. Mr. Sparlin added the proposed would clarify and update roadway design standards and add uses to align with traditional zoning districts. Mr. Sparlin noted area A will add medical marijuana cultivation facilities. Area B will allow more commercial uses such as banks; Area D will allow general retail uses; and Area E will add multi-family units. He added the improvement requirements include traffic studies at the time of improvement.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jared Rasmussen, a representative of the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Rasmussen noted the purpose of the amendment is to update the current planned development. He added two grants, one federal and one governor's cost-share, have been awarded to the project. Mr. Rasmussen noted implementation of updated zoning and land uses to follow the current Comprehensive Plan.

John Griesemer, President/CEO of the Springfield Underground, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Griesemer thanked City Council for their service and support.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if additional sites will be activated once the project is completed. Mr. Griesemer responded affirmatively.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-139 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service as contained in the Classifications of the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Schedule by making provision for six (6) new job titles and deleting three (3) job titles; by describing the method by which pay adjustments are calculated; by providing pay adjustments for non-bargaining unit employees on the following salary schedules: Crafts, Trades and Labor Non-Union, Professional, Administrative, and Technical (Non-Union and Unclassified), Fire Protection, and Law Enforcement; and by incorporating pay improvements impacting bargaining unit members that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to, including amending Out-of-Title Pay for certain positions on the Law Enforcement Schedule.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would amend the Salary Ordinance to add six new job titles and delete three job titles. She added outlined the method by which pay adjustments are calculated, providing pay adjustments for non-bargaining unit employees, and incorporating pay improvements impacting bargaining unit members, including amending out-of-title pay for certain Law Enforcement positions. She added all non-union employee pay adjustments will include funding of merit steps, with retention and recruitment being considered. The across the board increase is 2.5%. Ms. Morrison noted that the non-union Fire Group will have a pay increase of 5% and the non-union Police Group will have an across the board rank specific increase. The pay changes will be effective beginning with the pay period July 2, 2023, with the pay date being July 22, 2023.

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2023-140, 2023-141, 2023-142, and 2023-143 together. These bills have been presented and summarized under Council Bill 2023-143.

13.2. Council Bill 2023-140 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance approving the Fourth Addendum to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, representing changes agreed to by the parties, including changes resulting from wage reopener negotiations; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Fourth Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the IAFF regarding matters of interpretation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

13.3. Council Bill 2023-141 (Carroll)

A special ordinance approving the First Amendment to the July 1, 2022, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a Bargaining Unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Employee Group, representing changes resulting from wage reopener negotiations; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the First Amendment; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the IBEW regarding matters of interpretation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

13.4. Council Bill 2023-142 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance approving the Fourth Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Professional, Administrative and Technical Employee Group, representing changes resulting from wage reopener negotiations; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Fourth Amendment; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the IBEW regarding matters of interpretation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

13.5. Council Bill 2023-143 (Carroll)

A special ordinance approving the Sixth Amendment to the July 1, 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Police Department, representing changes requested by the SPOA regarding payroll deductions as well as changes resulting from wage reopener negotiations; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Sixth Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the SPOA regarding matters of interpretation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison presented Council Bills 2023-140, 2023-141, 2023-142, and 2023-143 together. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed Council Bills allow the City to enter into bargaining agreements between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22. Ms. Morrison added the agreements address pay improvements with the bargaining units. The changes include the funding of merit steps for employees and addressing issues that are not pay or benefits issues. The administrator would now be allowed to approve these issues. Ms. Morrison reviewed the various pay increases and changes.

Mayor McClure congratulated all on the improvements proposed for the bargaining units.

13.6. Council Bill 2023-144 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 15049, as amended by Special Ordinance 2156 and General Ordinances 4348, 4812, 5089, 5432, and 5849, providing benefits for certain employees under the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System, by reducing the retirement age for all eligible current and future emergency telecommunicators.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow for ordinance amendments to provide benefits for employees under the retirement system for eligible current and future emergency telecommunicators. Ms. Morrison further noted the change would adopt a new benefit plan to include telecommunicators in the public safety category. She added the retirement age for emergency telecommunicators would be reduced from age 60 to age 55.

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

City Council took a twelve minute recess. City Council reconvened at approximately 10:45 p.m.

13.7. Council Bill 2023-145 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Sunshine Towne Centre Subdivision, generally located at 3444 West Sunshine Street, 1819 South Farm Road 133 (Moore Road), and 1903 South Farm Road 133 upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would allow the acceptance of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield for the Preliminary Plat of Sunshine Towne Centre Subdivision. He further noted the proposed is a six-lot subdivision.

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

13.8. Council Bill 2023-146 (Simpson)

A special ordinance approving a Transportation Project Agreement between the City of Springfield, Southern Hills Shopping Center Transportation Development District, Southern Hills Investment Trust, LLC, and Southern Hills Plaza, LLC; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Transportation Project Agreement on behalf of the City of Springfield. (Staff recommends approval.)

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow a transportation project agreement with Southern Hills Shopping Center Transportation Development District, Southern Hills Investment Trust, LLC, and Southern Hills Plaza, LLC. She further noted the site is 11.8 acres located at the southeast corner of East Sunshine Street and South Woodward Avenue. The district was established in 2022 and may impose up to a 1% sales tax for transportation improvements during the twenty-year life cycle. The proposed

improvements include roadway connections, stormwater improvements, sidewalks, driveways, and related site improvements. The estimated cost is \$2.89 million. The developer must make landscaping updates and provide required easements upon completion of the project. It is estimated that the project would generate between \$460,000 and \$2.74 million over its life cycle.

Bo Hagerman, project representative, noted there are two projects: the beautification of the building and the renovation of the infrastructure and the parking lot. He added landscaping will be added around the site which will help with stormwater runoff. Mr. Hagerman noted the parking lot layout will be improved to ease traffic congestion. He added the entire project will be handicap accessible.

Robert Preston, project developer, noted the transportation development district is used as a tool to fund, promote, design, construct, and maintain projects with transportation elements. He added the district is eligible to adopt the 1% sales tax to pay for applicable expenses. Mr. Preston noted the public benefits include reactivation of the shopping center, enhancement of the safety and stormwater system, and possible activation of additional business in the area.

Councilman Hosmer asked how the project is dedicated for public use. Mr. Preston responded the transportation district is a political subdivision of the State of Missouri and can be used for public parking with no responsibility to the City.

Councilwoman Horton asked if public use includes individuals who live in their cars. Mr. Preston responded the use of the parking lot would be restricted to reasonable use.

Councilman Jenson expressed his belief this may not be a permissible use for this type of incentive program. He asked if there would be improvements to the transit stop to provide cover. Mr. Preston responded the improvements addressed were pedestrian improvements. Councilman Jenson asked how much control the City would have over the parking lot. Mr. Preston responded the TDD would retain control if it has outstanding obligations.

Councilwoman Horton asked if it is anticipated that the cost of leasing retail space on the site would increase. Mr. Preston responded many have long term leases, and there are a couple of vacancies.

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

13.9. Council Bill 2023-150 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 70, 'Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations,' Article V, 'Hotels, Motels and Tourist Courts,' Section 70-261 'Definitions,' Section 70-262 'Levy of tax,' Section 70-266 'Penalty on unpaid tax; additional remedies,' and Section 70-267 'Use of tax revenue' to incorporate changes to the license tax on hotels, motels, and tourist courts approved by voters in the General Municipal Election held on April 4, 2023, and to update the City's penalty provisions for unpaid or delinquent license taxes to comply with current state law.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed would amend the Springfield City Code to incorporate changes to the license tax on hotels, motels, and tourist courts approved by voters in the General Municipal

Election held on April 4, 2023, and to update the City's penalty provisions for unpaid or delinquent license taxes to comply with current State law. He further noted the changes revise the definition to include short-term rentals and revises the penalty provisions to correspond with State law. The proposed would provide for the allocation of the lodging tax with 47% for tourism, 4.5% for art activities, and 4.5% for sports activities.

Councilman Hosmer asked when the City would start collecting the tax on short-term rentals. Mr. Holtmann responded on July 1, 2023. He added letters to short-term rental owners went out the previous week. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief there are short-term rentals operating illegally, and the City should enforce the law.

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

13.10. Council Bill 2023-147 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., in an amount to equal forty-seven percent (47%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism within the City of Springfield.

Mark Hecquet, President/CEO of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hecquet noted the proposed would allow for 47% of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism within the City of Springfield. He added the mission of the CVB is to enhance the livability of Springfield. He noted the plan is a goal-driven strategy to use the revenues to maximize awareness and enhance the economic impact on Springfield. Mr. Hecquet noted the team looks forward to bringing new business in Springfield.

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

13.11. Council Bill 2023-148 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Regional Arts Council, Inc., in an amount to equal four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax to support the arts and cultural tourism in the community.

Leslie Forrester, Executive Director of the Springfield Regional Arts Council, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Forrester noted their goal is to advocate, collaborate, and to educate and transform lives through the arts. Their study of the economic impact of the arts on Springfield will be released this fall. She noted they work with educators and public entities to encourage participation in the arts.

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

13.12. Council Bill 2023-149 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Inc., in an amount to equal four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax to promote the attraction of sporting events to the community.

Lance Kettering, Executive Director of the Greater Springfield Sports Commission, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kettering noted the funds would be used to market Springfield as a top sports destination. He noted they appreciate the opportunity to bring sporting events to the City.

Councilman Lee expressed his support for sporting opportunities in Springfield.

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

13.13. Council Bill 2023-151 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with City Utilities of Springfield, for the purpose of mutually terminating the Joint Venture Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project; and to approve a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,848,568.30 to appropriate retained earnings from the Solid Waste Fund for the acquisition all electric generating equipment and all other remaining assets associated with the Project.

Erick Roberts, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roberts noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding with City Utilities to mutually terminate the Joint Venture Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project which began in 2005, and amend the budget of the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,848,568.30 to appropriate retained earnings for the acquisition of all electric generating equipment. He added air quality improvements will be needed, and the City will be able to operate generators going forward.

Mayor McClure expressed his support.

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

13.14. Council Bill 2023-152 (Simpson)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Battlefield Corridor Improvements – Lone Pine to Luster; accepting the bid of Hartman and Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,394,971.04 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed would allow the City to accept the bid of Hartmann and Company in the amount of \$1,394,971.04. He added the project has three components: improvement of the intersection at Battlefield Road and Lone Pine with new signals and greenway connections, cost savings for the intersection of Battlefield Road and Luster with pavement improvements, and signal improvements. Mr. Smith noted the increase in expense can in part be based on inflation.

Mayor McClure asked at what point in the process the engineer's estimate was made. Mr. Smith responded toward the end of the design. Mr. Smith noted contingency funds would cover potential overages.

Councilwoman Horton asked why the bill was presented as a two-reading bill. Mr. Smith noted the department is working on establishing guidelines for presentation of one-reading bills.

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

13.15. Council Bill 2023-157 (Jenson). This item was removed from the Consent Agenda - First Reading Bills and became item #13.5 under First Reading Bills.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with Springfield West Partners, LLC, for improvements to West Sunshine Street, South West Bypass, and South Moore Road, to facilitate the construction of a 22.72-acre retail development generally located at the southeast corner of West Sunshine Street and South West Bypass.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow for construction of a 22.72 acre retail development at the southeast corner of West Sunshine Street and West Bypass. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the proposed contains five lots with one anchor tenant. She added the overall incentive structure includes the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement and a proposed Community Improvement District. The total reimbursable project cost for the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement will have a cap of \$6.07 million. \$4 million of that will be public improvements related to the exterior roads with a term of fifteen years, or until the costs are paid. The Community Improvement District will include a 1% district sales and use tax. The overall site plan cost is approximately \$60 million. She added the project will generate jobs and the total annual sales volume is estimated to be \$60 to \$70 million. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the anchor tenant is anticipated to be a Target store, contingent upon several agreements, and will have a fulfillment center. The site will have underground detention. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the site will also include a restaurant and other retail stores. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the development will improve the area and the intersection.

Thomas Walker, project developer, noted the project site is complicated and the traffic count at the intersections has increased by nearly 10,000 cars per day in the past twenty years. He further noted the intersection has level of service that rate as failing. Mr. Walker added the improvements to the intersections are necessary and include access to keep truck traffic off Moore Road. He noted the drainage will be improved, including underground detention, and buffering standards will be exceeded and include a privacy fence. Mr. Walker noted they will attempt to save as many trees as possible. He further noted the project will be first class retail.

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Julie Bloodworth addressed City Council regarding nuisance properties. Ms. Bloodworth noted a property at 1011 West Walnut Street has been unoccupied since the 1990s and has had no utilities for most of that time. She noted the home was purchased in the spring by Bible Study Fellowship Men's Recovery before it could be demolished. She expressed her belief the City has no will to monitor the property to ensure safety for the neighbors. She asked the City to be more responsive regarding nuisance properties.

David Buelow addressed City Council regarding Diamond Mine Services, LLC, a pressure washing service. He expressed his belief it is important to keep a clean city. He expressed his willingness to work with the City to keep it clean.

Patricia Patterson Tursi did not appear.

15. NEW BUSINESS.

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.

- 15.1. The City Manager recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board: Leslie Carrier with term to expire June 1, 2026.
- 15.2. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointments to the Board of Equalization: Wanda Quintana with term to expire April 1, 2026; Todd Thomas with term to expire April 1, 2026.
- 15.3. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Mackenzey Teleki with term to expire May 1, 2025.
- 15.4. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Trish Hubbell with term to expire May 1, 2024. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Christopher Upton with term to expire May 1, 2026.
- 15.5. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointment to the Personnel Board: Judge Miles Sweeney with term to expire March 1, 2026.
- 15.6. The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Lynne Mitchell with term to expire April 11, 2026.
- 15.7. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Airport Board: Heather Rooney McBride with term to expire June 1, 2026.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

18. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS. See Item #3.

18.1. Council Bill 2023-153 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Greenday Industrial Park Subdivision, generally located at 2801 North Le Compte Road, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

18.2. Council Bill 2023-154 (Horton, McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Sky Light Surface Park Subdivision, generally located in the 3400 to 4000 block of East Division Street and the 1600 to 2200 block of North Le Compte Road, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance.(Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

18.3. Council Bill 2023-155 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept funding from Community Foundation of the Ozarks in the amount of \$25,000 to perform employment transportation accessibility grant activities and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Department of Workforce Development in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of appropriating the grant funds.

18.4. Council Bill 2023-156 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to share costs associated with traffic signal communications infrastructure improvements at the intersection of Chestnut Expressway and Grant Avenue; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$19,955 to accept payment from the Commission.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2023-158 (Horton)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Amanda Ohlensehlen, and the reappointment of Irene Schaefer and Cindy Ussery, to the Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors.

Council Bill 2023-158 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, 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: Lee, Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.