



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 26, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL.

Mayor McClure recognized the upcoming resolution to acknowledge the life and service of Chuck Wooten.

Present: Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Heather Hardinger, Callie Carroll, Brandon Jenson, Monica Horton, Abe McGull, and Ken McClure. Absent: Derek Lee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. June 5, 2023, City Council Meeting and June 6, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the June 5, 2023, City Council Meeting and June 6, 2023, Special City Council Meeting minutes. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. 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.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

4.1. Council Bill 2023-168 (City Council)

A resolution recognizing and honoring the life of former State Representative, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Councilman Charles “Chuck” Wooten for his service as a member of the Springfield City Council and the Missouri General Assembly, his dedicated public service, and his strong advocacy for veterans.

Mayor McClure asked Councilman Hosmer, who served in the State Legislature with Chuck Wooten, to offer comments.

Councilman Hosmer noted he had the privilege of serving in the Missouri General Assembly for ten years with Chuck Wooten. He expressed his belief Chuck Wooten cared deeply about the people he served. He noted the work Mr. Wooten completed bringing the Veterans Cemetery to Springfield and providing the services veterans and their families needed. Councilman Hosmer added Chuck Wooten served in the military, the United States Postal Service, the General Assembly with distinction, and served as Mayor Pro Tem in the City of Springfield. Councilman Hosmer noted Mr. Wooten was a good person and loved his family.

Councilman Hosmer read the resolution in its entirety.

Council Bill 2023-168 (City Council) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

A copy of the presentation resolution was presented to Terri Smith, Mr. Wooten's daughter, and to Jaime Holtstein, Mr. Wooten's friend. Ms. Smith noted how much Mr. Wooten loved his community.

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

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the E-scooter rental company, Bird, has expanded its boundaries of operation and nearly doubled the number of scooters. The number of scooters deployed on City right-of-way will increase from 55 to 100.

Mr. Gage noted the City's housing study will wrap up this fall, with a report and recommendations from consultant APD Urban Planning + Management expected in October. APD and the City's Planning and Development department hosted a second housing study community meeting a few weeks ago to provide an opportunity for residents to learn the results of APD's "windshield survey" of the city. Major takeaways from the survey were: 92% of housing in Springfield was single family residential; the most common multifamily housing type is duplex; multifamily homes are primarily located near Missouri State University; 97% of all housing structures are occupied; vacant residential lots can be found in most neighborhoods; 77% of all housing is in good condition; and 21% of all housing structures are in fair to worse condition.

Mr. Gage noted Restore SGF is following the housing study closely, as its findings will help identify initial target neighborhoods for programming. Restore SGF has formed a Neighborhood Selection Committee to begin working on a recommendation for the initial four neighborhoods. He further noted the committee will be working over the next 60 days and will present their recommendation to their full board in August. Restore

SGF has named an interim executive director, Dana Elwell, who began in this role on June 14 and, as of July 1, Restore SGF will have a home of its own at 1409 West Sunshine, near Elfindale.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a Police Chief Update. He noted crimes against persons, property, and society were trending down through mid-May. Chief Williams further noted a 33% reduction in robbery, a decrease in overall numbers for gun violence, and a decrease in the number of shots fired calls.

Chief Williams noted the Mental Health Co-Responder Program had 342 total incidents; 188 were resolved through the co-responder, and 73 were handled by the co-responder only.

Chief Williams provided a Recruitment Campaign update. He noted the campaign includes use of the City of Springfield Police Department website, social media, law enforcement referrals, an ad campaign with KY3, a Zimmer Communications radio spot, and a KY3 streaming video. Chief Williams added there is a 28% application success rate.

Chief Williams noted there are currently 51 vacancies in the Police Department. He added that 18 full-time officers in training will be added to the numbers upon training completion. Chief Williams noted there are two academy classes scheduled for next year. The goal is 20 attendees for every academy class. Chief Williams further noted there are currently 11 vacancies for Police Service Representatives.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-129 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.2. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-130 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.3. 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).

Council Bill 2023-131 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.4. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-132 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.5. 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.))

Julie Greer, Deputy City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and was found to be insufficient at 5%. Therefore, a supermajority or 6 votes was not required for passage. A copy of the supplemental explanation was provided to City Council.

Council Bill 2023-133 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.6. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-134 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.7. 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 Hosmer disclosed that he does own property in the Rountree neighborhood.

Julie Greer, Deputy City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and was found to be insufficient at .34%. Therefore, a supermajority or 6 votes was not required for passage. A copy of the supplemental explanation was provided to City Council.

Council Bill 2023-135 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.8. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-136 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.9. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-137 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.10. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-138 (McGull, Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.11. 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.

Council Bill 2023-139 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.12. 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.

Council Bill 2023-140 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.13. 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.

Council Bill 2023-141 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.14. 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.

Council Bill 2023-142 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.15. 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.

Council Bill 2023-143 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.16. 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.

Council Bill 2023-144 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.17. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-145 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.18. 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.)

Councilman Jenson asked what percentage of funds are anticipated to be spent on right-of-way improvements and what percentage are anticipated to be spent on private property improvements.

Jason Gage, City Manager, responded approximately 5% or less would be spent on public right-of-way and the remainder on private property.

Councilman Jenson noted some work has started on the site and asked if there is any but-for in regard to the project. Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Development, responded there is not.

Ms. Ohlensehlen responded the criteria evaluated were not specific to percentages but included the alignment of goals to improve and increase property values, implementation of ForwardSGF, and to provide stormwater improvements.

Councilman Jenson noted there were brief conversations with developers at the last meeting regarding improvements to the bus stop and sidewalks. He asked if a transfer of ownership upon completion of the project would occur.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, responded, the agreement states the Transportation Development District (TDD) would hold an easement until the end of life of the project. The City could then receive the easement or receive no interest in the project.

Councilman Jenson expressed his belief the proposed had minimal public benefit and does not clearly satisfy the requirements of the State Statutes. Councilman Jenson noted he does support this type of redevelopment to improve commercial corridors but cannot support a project such as the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer noted the property will never be owned by the City. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the proposed does not meet the requirements of a public or transportation project. He asked if the City is obligated to maintain the property or will be responsible for the property. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the proposed stretches the meaning of the statute.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked about the role of City Council and what the process is for the TDD. Ms. Lewsader responded a petition is filed with the courts for the TDD, and the role of City Council will be to decide to approve, or not, the projects within the TDD. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the Economic Vitality Department supported the proposed.

Council Bill 2023-146 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: Jenson, Horton, and Hosmer. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.19. 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.

Council Bill 2023-150 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.20. 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.

Council Bill 2023-147 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.21. 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.

Council Bill 2023-148 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.22. 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.

Council Bill 2023-149 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.23. 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.

Council Bill 2023-151 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.24. 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.

Council Bill 2023-152 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

6.25. Council Bill 2023-157 (Jenson)

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.

Council Bill 2023-157 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2023-159 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in the amount of \$774,119.10 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to train and sustain personnel in responding to COVID-19 derived public health priorities and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$774,119.10 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the proposed would allow acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to offset costs associated with COVID-19 related health priorities. He added the funds would cover expenses incurred from October 2022 through June 2024. The expenses included vaccines and improved public health and data systems training.

Councilman McGull asked if the funds could be used to increase restaurant inspections and other issues. Mr. Mooney responded the funds have to be focused on COVID-19 issues or recovery efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked the intended work of the data scientists mentioned in the proposed. Mr. Mooney responded data will allow the department to take lessons learned from COVID-19 and learn how to apply that knowledge to other health issues.

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

Council Bill 2023-159 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-160 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance accepting a donation of \$15,000 from the Hatch Foundation to reimburse the City of Springfield Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement for the purchase of a reusable Christmas tree to be used for Springfield's downtown holiday festivals; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate the donation funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to table Council Bill 2023-160 until the August 21, 2023, City Council Meeting at the request of the Hatch Foundation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Carroll and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

13.2. Council Bill 2023-161 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Advancing Mental Wellness Program, to support strategies to improve men's mental health and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in the amount of \$150,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the proposed would allow \$150,000 in funding to be accepted from the Community Partnership of the Ozarks to support strategies to improve men's mental health. He added more than 24% of individuals in the Springfield community experience depression, and the rate of death from suicide is 60% higher in Springfield than the United States average. Mr. Mooney noted that in 2021, men died by suicide at a rate four times higher than women. He further noted men are less likely to seek help or mental health care. The Springfield-Greene County Health Department has joined with other partners to develop an approach to address men's mental health.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2023-162 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program, Group 6 Public Sewer Rehabilitation – Sewer Main Cleaning, CCTV, and Cured-in-Place Pipe; accepting the bid of Insituform Technologies USA, LLC, in the amount of \$5,740,724.20 for the project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement for said project; and approving a budget adjustment in the amount of the bid, plus a contingency, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water Enterprise Fund by appropriating reserves of said fund in the amount of \$6,314,796.62.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow acceptance of a bid of \$5,740,724.20 plus contingency and appropriate the funds to rehabilitate and clean sewer pipe in the sewer system. He added the procedure of cured-in-place pipe does not require excavation but uses an epoxy lining which cures within the sewer pipe.

Councilman McGull asked how much of the pipeline would be cured-in-place. Mr. Kemper responded that it is approximately several hundred thousand feet of sewer. He added the process will be implemented over phases over the next five to ten years. Councilman McGull asked if the proposed addresses part of the City's obligation under the Consent Decree. Mr. Kemper responded the City is required to eliminate overflows, and the proposed is one solution to that. He noted any overflow is out of compliance, and a Consent Judgement is not unusual.

Councilman Jenson noted the procedure sounds as if it would be less disruptive than a traditional sewer pipe replacement and asked if there would be disruption to the transportation network. Mr. Kemper noted most are in residential neighborhoods, and neighbors are notified. Councilman Jenson asked that any disruptions be thoughtful in nature and coordinated with other City departments. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded any disruptions to traffic are carefully coordinated to minimize any disruptions.

Councilman Hosmer asked the cost difference between cured-in-place pipe and pipe replacement. Mr. Kemper responded the difference in cost is significant, with cured-in-place being approximately 10% of the cost and the lining is anticipated to last 50 years or more.

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

13.4. Council Bill 2023-163 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$13,000,000 principal amount of Special Obligation Bonds (State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority – Energy Facilities Revenue Bonds), Series 2023 of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of expanding and improving the City's landfill biogas recovery system; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the City in the amount of not to exceed \$16,000,000; prescribing the form and details of the bonds and the agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect their payment; and prescribing other related matters; and declaring an emergency.

Erick Roberts, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roberts noted the proposed would authorize the issuance of Special Obligation Bonds (State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority - Energy Facilities Revenue Bonds), Series 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$13 million. If approved, the

purpose would be to expand and improve the City's landfill biogas recovery system and maintain compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act.

Councilman McGull expressed his agreement with the proposed use of the bonds. He asked if the bonds would be publicly traded. David Holtmann, Director of Finance, responded the bonds will be competitively marketed with a public sale to the highest bidder. The City will enter into an agreement to service the debt in an amount equal to the bonds.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked what the reduction in carbon emissions would be. Mr. Roberts responded there would be a twenty-one fold reduction in greenhouse gas production. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there would be a corresponding increase in power production. Mr. Roberts responded there is potential for doubling the power production, and this generated power would garner reimbursement from City Utilities to the City.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the reimbursement would be what the power could be sold for. Mr. Roberts responded the reimbursement is the amount calculated by City Utilities and provided through their rate sheet.

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

13.5. Council Bill 2023-164 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Subsidy Escrow Agreement, by and among the City, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, UMB Bank, N.A., as escrow agent, for the purpose of receiving the benefit of certain investment earnings in connection with the expansion and improvement of the City's landfill biogas recovery system; and declaring an emergency.

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 Subsidy Escrow Agreement for the purpose of receiving the benefit of investment earnings in connection with the expansion and improvement of the City's landfill biogas recovery system. Councilman McGull asked what the bond rate would be. Mr. Holtmann responded the bond rate would be approximately 4%. He further noted the Subsidy Agreement reduces the rate to 3%.

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

13.6. Council Bill 2023-165 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 27775, Section 5, to authorize the use of up to \$1,927,610 of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds which have been set aside for homelessness and housing projects and are to be used for the acquisition, construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of buildings to create one or more non-congregate shelters to be used to create either non-congregate or congregate shelters; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into funding agreements as necessary with recipients of such funds.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed would allow use of up to \$1,927,610 of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds for homeless shelter facilities. Mr. Jones noted the amendment will provide

flexibility to use the term congregate or non-congregate shelter.

Councilwoman Horton expressed her belief the need for more shelter beds is great. Ms. Horton mentioned a Salvation Army project and expressed her belief both non-congregate and congregate shelters are needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted when the allocations were made the hope was to track funds for best use. He asked if the City would continue to work with agencies regarding types of shelter. Mr. Jones responded they will continue to track and follow additional funds.

Councilman Jenson expressed his appreciation for the dedication to improving homeless issues. He asked what the anticipated number of additional beds would be. Mr. Jones responded that is dependent on the type of development that is proposed and there is no restriction on the number of beds necessary for receiving of funds. He added factors of evaluation do not have a size restriction.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the issue would come back to City Council for approval. Mr. Gage responded there is no issue with City Council reviewing the proposals.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Alice Barber spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Barber noted over 1,000 individuals in Springfield are unhoused. She expressed her belief there is demand and need for shelters. Citizens need homes, and the City needs more legislation regarding shelter.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

14.1. Jean C. Knapp wishes to address City Council.

Ms. Knapp withdrew her request to speak.

14.2. Angela Allen wishes to address City Council.

Angela Allen, a representative of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, noted the wear orange campaign which demands an end to gun violence. Ms. Allen noted a clean-up can be used as a violence intervention program. Ms. Allen expressed her belief that without action, there is no change. Ms. Allen noted one neighborhood clean-up was funded and asked City Council to fund clean-ups twice per year.

Councilman McGull asked if the clean-up focus was on bulky items. Ms. Allen noted the question would be addressed by the next speaker.

Councilwoman Horton expressed her appreciation for the clean-up at Grant Beach Park. She noted the engagement of children in the process is appreciated. Councilwoman Horton asked how the group would pair with neighborhoods. Ms. Allen responded through artwork and learning from other groups who deal with gun violence.

14.3. Lee Ann Camey wishes to address City Council.

Lee Ann Camey, Director of the Springfield Community Land Trust, noted there were 65 volunteers from 7 organizations that coordinated the Grant Beach Park clean-up. She further noted they assisted families with clean-up to remedy violations and served 75 households. Ms. Camey asked City Council to assist with funding for the clean-ups.

Councilman Jenson asked what day of the week the clean-up took place. Ms. Camey responded on a Saturday. Councilman Jenson expressed his belief this was a good day of the week as more volunteers are available.

Councilman McGull expressed his belief the clean ups create strong communities.

14.4. Nancy Doman wishes to address City Council.

Nancy Doman did not appear.

14.5. Kyle Snyder wishes to address City Council.

Kyle Snyder did not appear.

14.6. Bryan Harlow wishes to address City Council.

Bryan Harlow did not appear.

14.7. Rose Weber wishes to address City Council.

Rose Weber 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 Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Springfield-Greene County Public Library Board: Melanie Weiler and Robert Stephens with terms to expire July 1, 2026. (Recommended)

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

18. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

18.1. Council Bill 2023-166 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and NEXSTAR Media Group, Inc., dba KSNF-TV/KODE-TV, for the purpose of sharing video from the closed-circuit television traffic monitoring cameras owned and operated by Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Springfield throughout the regional roadway network.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2023-167 (Simpson)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Mia Kaufman, and the reappointment of Tyler Creach and Kerry Rovig, to the Board of Directors of the Brentwood N/S Community Improvement District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2023-167 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

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

20.1. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-154 (Horton, McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

20.2. 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.

Council Bill 2023-155 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

20.3. 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.

Council Bill 2023-156 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

- 20.4. Confirm the following reappointment to the Springfield - Greene County Park Board: Leslie Carrier with term to expire June 1, 2026. (Confirmed)
- 20.5. Confirm 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. (Confirmed)
- 20.6. Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Mackenzey Teleki with term to expire May 1, 2025. (Confirmed)
- 20.7. Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Trish Hubbell with term to expire May 1, 2024. (Confirmed)
- 20.8. Confirm the following reappointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Christopher Upton with term to expire May 1, 2026. (Confirmed)
- 20.9. Confirm the following reappointment to the Personnel Board: Judge Miles Sweeney with term to expire March 1, 2026. (Confirmed)
- 20.10. Confirm the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Lynne Mitchell with term to expire April 11, 2026. (Confirmed)
- 20.11. Confirm the following appointment to the Airport Board: Heather Rooney McBride with term to expire June 1, 2026. (Confirmed)

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: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

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