



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

December 11, 2023

6:30 PM

**Regional Police-Fire
Training Center**

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Jenson, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor McClure. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. November 6, 2023, City Council Meeting, November 20, 2023, City Council Meeting, and November 21, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, City Council meeting, November 20, 2023, City Council meeting, and November 21, 2023, Special City Council meeting. Councilmember Hardinger seconded the motion, and the three sets of minutes were approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor 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.

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Consent Agenda items 20.3 and 20.4. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented, with Councilmember Lee recusing from items 20.3 and 20.4, by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson,

Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted City Clerk Anita Cotter has been certified as a Missouri Professional City Clerk by the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association. He commended Ms. Cotter on her dedication to continuing education and contributions to the clerk profession.

Mr. Gage noted the City was pleased to join Beaver Aplin and his team this morning at the grand opening of Missouri's first Buc-ee's. In addition to being a world-class facility, Buc-ee's brings good-paying jobs with benefits and an estimated \$30 million in sales tax annually.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield Police Department graduated its most diverse Police Academy class on Friday night. The 77th Police Academy graduated 17 recruits, including 14 men and three women, with a variety of educational backgrounds and work experience, including military, corrections, medical, and previous law enforcement.

Mr. Gage noted the City of Springfield would host a Commercial Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) annual meeting and public input session at 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, at the Victory Mission Administrative Building located at 1715 North Boonville Avenue.

Mr. Gage noted the winter respiratory virus season is here, and Springfield-Greene County Health was encouraging our community to get up to date on COVID-19 and influenza vaccines. Health Department and other community-wide vaccination opportunities can be found with the Vaccine Locator tool on [Vaccine417.com](https://www.vaccine417.com). He added the respiratory virus season usually peaks between December and February and it is recommended citizens receive flu and COVID-19 vaccines before this time. However, vaccination at any point during the peak season provides protection.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the Human Resources Director has the ability to waive the testing requirement for retired Police Officers who wish to return to the City for employment. Mr. Gage responded he believed the Collective Bargaining Agreement would prevent rehiring in an expeditious manner. He noted he believes the reinstatement, which is a Merit Rule, could possibly be changed, Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief this should be reviewed so the City could retain some of the retiring officers. Mr. Gage noted the issue is the rehiring piece which is bound by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He added the issue would be reviewed by the Law Department, and another update would be provided to City Council.

Councilmember Hosmer noted there are several cities in the State of Missouri which allow for take home police vehicles. He asked why the City does not have such a program. Mr. Gage responded he would continue to review the issue. He noted budget issues and policy issues would be reviewed.

Councilmember Horton noted Major Tad Peters, Major Stacey Parton, Public Information and Civic Engagement Director Cora Scott, Francine Pratt, and herself attended a Youth Violence Prevention event. Ms. Horton added policies can support families who ask for help or therapy, and provide youth and family support to keep kids out of trouble.

Councilmember Horton asked if there would be any intention to further discuss the 3/4 cent tax in regard to the Police and Fire Pension Fund. Mayor McClure noted he asked the City Manager and City Clerk to arrange a meeting. He expressed his concern that he had not received feedback on the issue from members of City Council. However, Mayor McClure noted he feels this needs to go forward as public safety is a key priority. Councilmember Horton asked how much money would be forfeited each year if the issue does not go forward. Mayor McClure noted the tax currently generates approximately \$45 million, all of which goes into the Police and Fire Pension Fund. He added he supports sending the issue to the ballot.

Councilmember Jenson asked for a City Council lunch presentation which would explain collective bargaining. Mr. Gage responded they would be happy to set up a presentation to explain the process.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-280 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to approve a reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$637,049 from the City of Springfield's Planning Department to the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for use in implementing and operating the Family Connects Program to offer no-cost home visits to parents of newborns in Greene County, Missouri; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$637,049 to re-appropriate the funds.

Council Bill 2023-280 (Carroll). Ordinance 27939 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2023-281 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept supplies, equipment, software, and paid services with a combined value of \$219,411 from the Jordan Valley Community Health Center for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement the Family Connects Program and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the transfer.

Council Bill 2023-281 (Hosmer). Ordinance 27940 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-282 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health in the amount of \$600,000 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement the Family Connects Program to offer no-cost home visits to parents of newborns in Greene County, Missouri and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$600,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

Council Bill 2023-282 (Hardinger). Ordinance 27941 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2023-283 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield Fire Department Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$85,000 by transferring a portion of the Fire Training Fund to the operating budget of the Springfield Fire Department, for the purpose of supporting regional fire training programs and the pre-apprenticeship fire academy.

Council Bill 2023-283 (Hosmer). Ordinance 27942 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2023-284 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield to enter into a 2nd amended contract with Pictometry International Corporation and amended cooperative intergovernmental agreements with City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri and Greene County, Missouri; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$307,443.27.

Council Bill 2023-284 (Hosmer). Ordinance 27943 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2023-285 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving the Fifth Amendment to the Employment Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Anita J. Cotter; authorizing the Mayor to execute the Fifth Amendment; and authorizing payment of salary and benefits to Anita J. Cotter in accordance with the provisions of the Fifth Amendment.

Council Bill 2023-285 (Lee). Ordinance 27944 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem

Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2023-286 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into the 3rd Amendment to the 2nd Amended and Restated Ballpark License Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of allowing renovations to facilities at Hammons Field utilized by its intercollegiate baseball team.

Council Bill 2023-286 (McGull). Ordinance 27945 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

7.1. Council Bill 2023-291 (McGull)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property located at 1414 South Pickwick Avenue for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would allow a short-term rental type 2 permit for property located at 1414 South Pickwick Avenue. He added there was a public meeting with no attendees and the required signatures necessary were not received.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the Short-Term rental policy was modeled after Kansas City, and he noted Kansas City has repealed their ordinance. Mr. Hosmer responded affirmatively to the City's rental policy and responded he was unsure what portions of the Kansas City ordinance had been repealed. Councilmember Hosmer asked if the City was working to track short-term rentals for compliance. Mr. Gage responded they are working with a firm and hope to have all systems running by the first quarter of 2024. Councilman Hosmer asked how many short-term rentals are currently in the City. Mr. Hosmer responded there are currently 195 type 2 with a total of 299 short-term rentals.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the property owner lives on the property. Mr. Hosmer noted type-2 applicants do not live on the property and rent the property full-time.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there are density concerns for this short-term type 2 rental. Mr. Hosmer responded he was not aware of any.

Councilmember McGull asked if there was a plan to determine how many short-term rentals are out of compliance. Mr. Gage responded they would review the issue. Councilmember McGull asked if the Law Department could add a line in reference to the recently passed sales tax.

Councilmember Hardinger asked which adjacent properties were owner-occupied. Mr. Hosmer responded there are two.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Maria Pilar Triplett, the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Triplett noted she rents properties as a business. She expressed her belief this creates jobs and good experiences for visitors. Ms. Triplett noted her plan is to implement a code of conduct for any guests.

Councilmember Horton asked if there are two units on the lot. Ms. Triplett responded it is a single family home.

Mayor Pro Tem expressed his opinion he was not concerned with the lack of signatures. Ms. Triplett noted one property owner would sign.

Councilmember McGull asked what motivated Ms. Triplett to utilize the short-term rental business model. Ms. Triplett responded the proximity to the university and the need for this model motivated her.

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

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his opposition to the proposed due to a lack of signatures and his opinion these rentals create a lack of available properties.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his agreement with Councilmember Hosmer's concerns and noted the requirements should be reviewed. He expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember McGull expressed his support for the proposed as the applicant followed the procedure.

Councilmember Horton expressed her support for the proposed, noting there is no shortage of single-family homes.

Mayor McClure expressed his opposition to the proposed due to lack of signatures.

Council Bill 2023-291 (McGull). Resolution 10734 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Councilmember Lee. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer and Mayor McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

9.1. Council Bill 2023-292 (Horton)

A special ordinance accepting the bid of JD Wallace Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$310,243 for the construction of sanitary sewers in Sanitary Sewer District No. 182 of Section No. 16, located in the vicinity of West Bypass and Division Street; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract and approve the bond for said improvement; authorizing progress payments to be made to the contractor; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Petering noted the proposed would allow the acceptance of the bid of JD Wallace Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$310,243 for the construction of sanitary sewers in the area of West Bypass and Division Street. He added the proposed would allow the removal of seven septic systems. There was no protest to the district. He added there were two bidders, with the bids coming in under the engineer's estimate.

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

Mayor McClure asked why the bill qualifies for one-reading. Jan Millington, Acting City Attorney, responded the acceptance of the bid as a public improvement qualifies the proposed to be a one-reading bill.

Councilmember Lee disclosed JD Wallace Contracting, LLC, had been a client of his in the past.

Council Bill 2023-292 (Horton). Ordinance 27946 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2023-293 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 5.5 acres of property generally located at 5298 East Farm Road 104, from County R-1, Suburban Residence District, to HC, Highway Commercial District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 242; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 242; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Kurt Wouk; 5298 E. Farm Road 104/ Z-29-2023 with Conditional Overlay District No. 242)

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would allow rezoning of 5.5 acres of property at 5298 East Farm Road 104 from County R-1 to Highway Commercial District. Mr. Neal noted the area is intended for commercial development and will be used for an RV park. He added the area was recently annexed into the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson commended Mr. Neal for his dedication to the project.

Councilmember McGull asked for more information on the RV park. He expressed his opinion the proposed makes sense for the area.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Geoff Butler, a representative for the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Butler noted the RV park would have approximately 25 to 30 sites.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2023-294 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.68 acre of property generally located at 2555 North Neergard, from GM, General Manufacturing District, to IC, Industrial Commercial District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 243; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 243; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Barbara Lorenz; 2555 N. Neergard Avenue; Z-30-2023 with Conditional Overlay District No. 243)

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would allow rezoning of approximately 0.68 acres located at 2555 North Neergard from General Manufacturing District to Industrial Commercial District. He added the intended use is for auto sales.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Frank Lorenz, a representative of the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Lorenz noted he represents the owner, and he was available for any questions.

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

12.3. Council Bill 2023-295 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.70 acres of property generally located at 1650 South Ingram Mill Road, from GR, General Retail District, to CS, Commercial Service District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 244; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 244; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: J&M Tillman, LLC; 1650 South Ingram Mill Road; Z-31-2023 with Conditional Overlay District No. 244)

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would allow rezoning of approximately 1.70 acres located at 1650 South Ingram Mill Road from General Retail District to Commercial Service District. He added the odd shape of the property limits its use. Mr. Sparling noted the request is compatible with the Mixed Residential placetype.

Councilmember McGull expressed his support for the limits placed on the property and noted the traffic flow is low for that area.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Stephanie Ireland, a representative of the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Ireland noted she was available for questions.

Councilmember McGull asked about the intended occupancy for the location. Ms. Ireland responded possibly a handyman-type businesses, not retail or walk-in services.

Councilmember Jenson asked if reduction of parking minimums would have made a difference. Ms. Ireland responded not for this type of proposal.

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

12.4. Council Bill 2023-296 (Simpson)

A special ordinance approving the final development plan of Planned Development District No. 12, 12th Amendment, generally located at 1249 East Kingsley Street. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: East Wichita Development, LLC; 1249 E. Kingsley Street; Final Development Plan – Planned Development 12, 12th Amend.)

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2023-296 and left the dais.

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would allow approval of the final development plan of Planned Development District No. 12, 12th amendment for property located at 1249 East Kingsley Street. Mr. Neal added the intended use is a new five-story hotel. He added the parking easement would continue.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Geoff Butler spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Butler noted the proposed has site development in place. He added the hotel would be a 117-room Hilton Hotel.

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

Councilmember Lee returned to the dais.

13. **FIRST READING BILLS.**

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2023-297, 2023-298, 2023-299, and 2023-300 together.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-297 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City to participate in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool, and further authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute such documents as may be necessary for the City's participation therein.

13.2. Council Bill 2023-298 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance approving a Memorandum Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, regarding applying for enrollment in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool for calendar year 2024 for eligible bargaining unit members; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum

Agreement.

13.3. Council Bill 2023-299 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance approving a Memorandum Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Local Union Number 753, the representative for a bargaining unit within the City's Crafts, Trades and Labor employee group, regarding applying for enrollment in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool for calendar year 2024 for eligible bargaining unit members; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Memorandum Agreement.

13.4. Council Bill 2023-300 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' to create a new subsection relating to participation in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow the City to participate in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool, approve a Memorandum Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, approve a Memorandum Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Local Union Number 753, and amend the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' to create a new subsection relating to participation in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool. She noted the Critical Illness Pool was designed in 2022 to assist the State's firefighters with financial burdens related to cancer diagnosis by providing benefits specifically to firefighters. The pool is designed to assist eligible firefighters who were diagnosed with any of the seventeen nationally recognized cancers for which firefighters are at an increased risk. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow the City to join the pool, for both union and non-union employees to participate.

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

It is anticipated these bills would be voted on separately at a Special City Council meeting on December 19, 2023.

13.5. Council Bill 2023-301 (Jenson, McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Carbon Reduction Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; and approving a budget adjustment amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$240,000 to appropriate the federal grant funds.

Brett Foster, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into a Carbon Reduction Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. He added the proposed would allow design for pedestrian safety improvements and improve connectivity in the neighborhoods. The improvements would connect to the Jordan Valley Greenway Trail. The corridor will be available for grant opportunities once the plan is complete.

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

13.6. Council Bill 2023-302 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving Olsson as the consultant to provide professional services for Phase II improvements at City's Cooper Park and Sports Complex, in the amount of \$887,770, as an approved project for use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by City; and authorizing the Park Board Chair, or designee, to enter into a contract with Olsson for these purposes.

Bob Belote, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Belote noted this bill would allow approval of Olsson as the consultant to provide professional services for Phase II improvements at the City's Cooper Park and Sports Complex, in the amount of \$887,770, as an approved project for use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City. The improvements would include the installation of artificial turf and other improvements at the Killian Softball Complex and improvements to the Cooper Youth Baseball Complex. The proposed includes design, branding, and plans. He added Olsson received the highest rating, leading to the recommendation. Mr. Belote added the proposed could help generate increased sports tourism. He thanked the City and the State for their previous funding support. He added the project would be out for bid after the holidays.

Councilmember Hosmer congratulated Mr. Belote and thanked the Federal Government for their support as well.

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

13.7. Council Bill 2023-303 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into intellectual property and service agreements with the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri to authorize the use of the City's intellectual property and provide consultation and services necessary to implement the City of Springfield's SafeAcross pedestrian safety program; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into similar intellectual property and service agreements with the State of Missouri, its political subdivisions, other states, or their political subdivisions, to implement the City of Springfield's SafeAcross pedestrian safety program in those other jurisdictions.

Brett Foster, Traffic Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into intellectual property and service agreements with the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to authorize the use of the City's intellectual property and provide consultation and services necessary to implement the City of Springfield's SafeAcross pedestrian safety program. He added the SafeAcross program was launched in 2017 and has received awards for its success. Mr. Foster noted other cities have requested to use the program, which requires a licensing agreement.

Councilmember Jenson noted the program has been successful and expressed there are still improvements to be made given recent pedestrian deaths.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

14.1. Josephine Grace wishes to address City Council.

Josephine Grace addressed City Council. She spoke about the use of energy weapons. Ms. Grace noted the city ranks ninth in use of these weapons. She added directed energy weapons (DEW) can cause health problems. Ms. Grace expressed her belief these weapons should be included in efforts to reduce crime efforts.

14.2. Clayton Robertson wishes to address City Council.

Clayton Robertson addressed City Council. He noted he has researched affordable housing options, specifically regarding Section 8, during his studies at Drury University. He noted it can take nine months to three years to obtain Section 8 housing. Mr. Robertson noted race discrimination in use of Section 8 vouchers. Mr. Robertson expressed his belief it is necessary for policy to be amended to protect individuals by adding "lawful source of income" to its protections.

14.3. Rachael Elliott wishes to address City Council.

Rachael Elliot addressed City Council. Ms. Elliot, a Drury University student, expressed her belief hotels should not be discounted as places of medical respite or housing for unhoused persons. Ms. Elliot expressed her belief the code should be amended to ensure the health and safety of all residents.

14.4. David Sanzone wishes to address City Council.

David Sanzone did not appear to address City Council.

15. NEW BUSINESS.

15.1. 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.

15.2. The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Dan Furtak with term to expire October 1, 2026. Recommended.

15.3. The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Gail Herbert with term to expire October 1, 2025. Recommended.

15.4. The Mayor recommends the following reappointments to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Rachel Nabb and Jamea Crum with terms to expire October 1, 2026. Recommended.

15.5. The Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Addison Jones and Justin Sheppard with terms to expire

December 1, 2026. Recommended.

15.6. The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Michael Brittain with term to expire December 1, 2026. Recommended.

15.7. The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Brad Beattie with term to expire January 1, 2027. The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Nancy Riggs with term to expire January 1, 2027. Recommended.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

18.1. Council Bill 2023-304 (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 Patel Subdivision, generally located at 4808 East Parallel Lane, 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.)

19. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2023-288 (McClure)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds from the Musgrave Foundation for the benefit and use of the Mayor's Commission for Children in the amount of \$5,000 to help further the mission of the Commission in the upcoming year.

Council Bill 2023-288 (McClure). Ordinance 27947 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

20.2. Council Bill 2023-289 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to allow participation of the Springfield Fire Department in the State and Local Overtime program to allow for reimbursement of overtime expenses associated with joint investigations.

Council Bill 2023-289 (Hosmer). Ordinance 27948 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

20.3. Confirm the following appointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Ben Shantz and Gerald Lee with terms to expire December 1, 2026.

Councilmember Lee recused himself from this item.

20.4. Confirm the following reappointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Heather Ramsey and Clifton Smart with terms to expire December 1, 2026.

Councilmember Lee recused himself from this item.

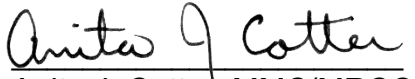
21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember McGull and Mayor McClure wished everyone a joyous holiday season.

Prepared by : Michelle Brown


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MRCC
City Clerk