



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

January 8, 2024

6:30 PM

**Regional Police-Fire
Training Center
2620 West Battlefield Road
Room 101, 102, and 103**

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. December 11, 2023, City Council Meeting and December 19, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

Approval of Minutes. December 11, 2023, City Council meeting and December 19, 2023, Special City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and the 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.

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented 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.

4.1. Council Bill 2024-001 (City Council)

A resolution recognizing the dedicated public service of Brendan Griesemer, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, upon the occasion of his retirement.

Councilmember Hosmer read the resolution in its entirety.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted Brendan Griesemer's many accomplishments during his time with the City. He added the City wishes Mr. Griesemer well in his retirement.

Mayor McClure noted he met Mr. Griesemer during his time at Missouri State University. He added his respect for Mr. Griesemer has grown over the years. Mayor McClure noted Mr. Griesemer has had many notable accomplishments during his time with the City.

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

Council Bill 2024-001 (City Council). Resolution 10735 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.

Mayor McClure presented Mr. Griesemer with the resolution. Mr. Griesemer thanked City Council for the recognition. He added the projects and initiatives listed were a result of great teamwork. Mr. Griesemer thanked staff, family, and friends for attending.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT, CITIZENS' TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION, AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Jason Gage, City Manager, wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mr. Gage welcomed the new City Attorney Jordan Paul and new Planning and Development Director Steve Childers to their first City Council meeting. He noted Mr. Paul most recently served as the City Attorney for the City of Neosho and as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Joplin. He added Mr. Childers joined the City from the City of Ozark, where he served as the City Administrator for the past 17 years.

Mr. Gage noted the public is invited to learn how updates to the City's development codes will help Springfield achieve the Forward SGF vision. The meeting is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, at the Springfield Art Museum. He added the Planning and Development staff and consultant Multistudio will be available at various stations at the open house to accept public input and answer questions.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield City Council received an unmodified opinion, the highest level given on the City's financial statement audit from the City's independent auditing firm, RSM, at a Council Lunch Workshop in December. The firm indicated the audit showed no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or compliance issues.

Councilmember Jenson asked when the ConnectSGF study results might be presented to City Council. Mr. Gage responded he would find out and send the information to City Council. Councilmember Jenson noted he has been taking public transportation to the meetings since the relocation. He added getting to the meeting is easy. However, returning home after the meeting can take up to two hours.

David Troyer, a representative of the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee, provided a report from the Citizen's Tax Oversight Committee. Mr. Troyer thanked City Council for the opportunity. He noted the Committee meets quarterly to review the collection and expenditure of sales taxes within the City. Mr. Troyer noted Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, and David Holtmann, Director of Finance, were helpful in assisting the Committee with understanding where the money was coming from and going to. He added the taxes reviewed are the 3/4-cent sales tax for police and fire pension, 1/8-cent transportation tax for transportation improvements, 1/4-cent capital improvement tax, the hotel/motel tax, and the level property tax. Mr. Troyer noted the Committee reported the expenditures of the taxes were appropriately classified and consistent with language approved by City Council.

Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Troyer and the Committee for the work they do.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. 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)

Council Bill 2023-293 (McGull). Ordinance 6827 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 2023-294 (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)

Council Bill 2023-294 (McGull). Ordinance 6828 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 2023-295 (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)

Council Bill 2023-295 (McGull). Ordinance 6829 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 2023-296 (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.

Council Bill 2023-296 (Simpson). Ordinance 27952 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Lee returned to the dais.

6.5. 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.

Council Bill 2023-301 (Jenson, McGull). Ordinance 27953 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 2023-302 (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.

Council Bill 2023-302 (McGull). Ordinance 27954 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 2023-303 (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.

Council Bill 2023-303 (Lee). Ordinance 27955 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 2024-002 (City Council)

A resolution accepting the 2023 City of Springfield Housing Study and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy.

Randall Whitman, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Whitman noted the proposed would allow for acceptance of the 2023 City of Springfield

Housing Study and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy. Mr. Whitman further noted the report contains a complete housing and market study, a housing condition analysis, overlapping plans, including ForwardSGF, and contributions from the Nuisance Property Workgroup. He added the analysis identified 58 strategic recommendations and case studies. Mr. Whitman noted conducting the study was a recommendation from the neighborhoods chapter of ForwardSGF. The data will be used for future policy proposals and the City's code update. He added the full presentation is available on the ForwardSGF website under the initiatives tab.

Mayor McClure noted the proposal is to accept the report.

Councilmember Hosmer questioned what weight the study would carry when considering future issues of development. Mr. Whitman responded some of the findings in the study are relevant as they show a decline in homeownership and a lack of affordable housing. He added recommendations of the study would be referenced for various issues. Councilmember Hosmer asked the impact of passing the proposed. Mr. Whitman responded the study reinforces recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan and those of ForwardSGF.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Alice Barber, a tenant leader with Springfield Tenants Unite, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Barber expressed her belief action needs to be taken on the recommendations. She noted the study found that more than one in five homes in Springfield are in need of repairs. Ms. Barber expressed her belief rental inspections should be mandatory and an option to legal services for those facing eviction.

Adam Edwards spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Edwards noted his experience with housing issues. Mr. Edwards expressed his belief it is important to take care of each other.

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

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief City Council also has an obligation to implement solutions based on the recommendations.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief an important next step is to fully understand the study. He added the areas that stood out to him were stabilizing housing, stabilizing neighborhoods, improving neighborhoods, and improving housing. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief rental protections should be included.

Council Bill 2024-002 (City Council). Resolution 10736 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.

7.2. Council Bill 2024-003 (Hosmer)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for a Youth Homeless System Improvement Program Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in a minimum amount of \$200,000, for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the local Continuum of Care by improving its existing response systems.

Bob Atchley, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Atchley noted the proposed would allow the City to apply for a Youth Homeless System Improvement

Program Grant for a minimum amount of \$200,000 in partnership with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks. The proposed would increase the capacity of the local Continuum of Care by improving existing response systems. He added the program is a competitive program. The funds would develop a youth financial stability program, coordinated entry access point, and complete gap analysis. The funding timeframe would be thirty months after the selection period.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Emily Fessler, a representative of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Fessler noted there are several committees that work together in effort to end homelessness. She added the Homeless Youth Task Force is in support of the application. Ms. Fessler noted the point-in-time count shows that on any given night there are approximately 109 youth aged 13 to 24 who are staying in emergency shelter or sleeping outside. Ms. Fessler added this does not include youth that are unstably housed.

John Oke-Thomas spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Oke-Thomas expressed his belief the need for the funds is apparent. He expressed his belief youth should be given any opportunities possible to succeed in the future. He noted he would also look for ways to support local veterans.

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

Council Bill 2024-003 (Hosmer). Resolution 10737 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.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

8.1. Council Bill 2024-004 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance submitting proposed amendments to Sections 2.1(1) and 2.6 of the Springfield City Charter to the qualified voters of the City at the general municipal election to be held by the City of Springfield on April 2, 2024, in order to change the length of the mayor's term from two years to four years with such change to first apply at the general municipal election to be held in 2025; and declaring an emergency.

Mayor McClure recused himself from Council Bill 2024-004 and left the dais.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would allow for submitting proposed amendments to Sections 2.1(1) and 2.6 of the Springfield City Charter to the qualified voters of the City at the general municipal election to be held by the City of Springfield on April 2, 2024, in order to change the length of the Mayor's term from two years to four years with such change to first apply at the general municipal election to be held in 2025. He added the maximum term limit of eight years would still apply.

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

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief a four-year term would ease the burden for the mayoral race. She added this would be aligned with the population size and would possibly add the benefit of the office of the mayor having time to achieve more. Councilmember Horton

expressed her belief the trade-off for this would be that citizens in Zone 1 and Zone 4 would influence the numeric majority at each election, creating an inequity for half of the City.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the voters would make the decision. He expressed his belief that presenting a clear and understandable issue to the voters is beneficial.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief that accountability and transparency are key, and this proposal seeks to reduce accountability checkpoints. He noted the previous two-year term was in response to issues in the 1980s. Councilmember Jenson expressed his opposition to the change.

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the voters should be able to make the decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He noted four-year terms are the norm for cities of this size. He added that a longer term allows for focus on long-term projects and impacts.

Council Bill 2024-004 (Hardinger). Ordinance 6830 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee. Nays: Councilmember Jenson. Absent: Mayor McClure. Abstain: Councilmember Horton.

Mayor McClure returned to the dais.

8.2. Council Bill 2024-013 (Carroll)

A general ordinance submitting proposed amendments to Section 19.16 of the Springfield City Charter to the qualified voters of the City at the general municipal election to be held by the City of Springfield on April 2, 2024, in order to establish a code of ethics applicable to all elected officials, appointed officers, board members, and employees of the City, to include an obligation for City Council to maintain and review the ethics policy at least every other year, to revise language to address employee violation of Section 19.16 to be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, and adding a legal defense to forfeiture of office or termination of employment if a prior, written advisory opinion from the City Attorney was obtained and relied upon in good faith; and declaring an emergency.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would add a section to allow City Council to adopt a code of ethics policy and to review that policy at least every other year. He further noted the proposed would remove employees from the same disciplinary action as City Council. The proposed would also add legal defense to forfeiture of office or termination of employment if a prior advisory opinion from the City Attorney was obtained and relied upon in good faith.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the proposed would allow protection for an employee with a spouse who had entered into a contract. Mr. Paul noted any financial interest would trigger a violation of the code. However, this would add options other than termination for the employee.

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

Council Bill 2024-013 (Carroll). Ordinance 6831 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.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2024-005 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Program Grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$303,194.10 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in support of implementing sexually transmitted disease prevention and control strategies and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$303,194.10 for the purpose of appropriating the grant funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Health, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the proposed would allow acceptance of a Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Program Grant in the amount of \$303,194.10. The grant would be used in support of implementing sexually transmitted disease prevention and control strategies to combat the rising number of cases of syphilis. Mr. Mooney noted syphilis can pose dangers to unborn children. He noted the program initially reached over 500 individuals.

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

Council Bill 2024-005 (Lee). Ordinance 27956 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.

10.2. Council Bill 2024-006 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a Public Health Agency Infrastructure Grant from the Federal 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 \$601,902 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to develop a stronger workforce and improve software and data systems that are critical to public health efforts and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$601,902 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Health, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the proposed would allow acceptance of a Public Health Agency Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$601,902 to be used to develop a stronger workforce and improve software and data systems which are critical to public health efforts. He added the funds would also be used to strengthen connections with educational institutions and create additional opportunities for incoming individuals.

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

Council Bill 2024-006 (Lee). Ordinance 27957 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.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2024-007 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 7, Sections 36-363, Conditional use permits and 36-368, Publication and Posting of Notices for the purpose of allowing City Council to add, modify, or remove conditions to a Conditional Use Permit. (Staff recommends approval; the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial.)

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would amend the Land Development Code to allow City Council to add, modify, or remove conditions to a Conditional Use Permit. He added the proposed was at the request of the Plans and Policies Committee. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would allow the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to impose conditions upon uses and structures to mitigate adverse effects. He further noted the proposed amendment has similar language to that used for zoning and text amendments. Mr. Sparlin added City Council currently has the ability to remand items back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review. Mr. Sparlin noted that Planning staff recommended approval and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial by a vote of 7-0. The reasons given for denial were as follows: the City had not given them a reason for the change; the City recently passed a new Comprehensive Plan that will create a new Land Development Code; the public would lose one opportunity for comment which minimizes transparency. Councilmember Jenson asked how often this issue has arisen in Conditional Use Permit cases. Mr. Sparlin responded Conditional Use Permit cases are rarer. He added the issue was brought forward by the Plans and Policies Committee due to a previous issue. Mr. Sparlin did not have a specific number of cases.

Councilmember Hosmer asked what was communicated to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding why the change was requested. Mr. Sparlin responded the staff report in the packet was given and that City Council would like to have the opportunity to modify conditional use permits. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief the work done by the Planning and Zoning Commission and their dedication should be respected. He expressed his belief City Council should meet with the Commission to discuss any changes.

Councilmember Horton asked what groups were contacted regarding the proposed text amendment. She asked what feedback was received. Mr. Sparlin responded no feedback was received. He added he was not personally involved in any meetings, but the information was

sent out to various groups by email.

Councilmember McGull noted part of the rationale behind the change was to streamline the process for rare cases where a small modification may have been needed. Councilmember McGull asked if a conditional use permit would still be able to be remanded to the Planning and Zoning Commission under the proposed. Mr.

Sparlin responded affirmatively. Councilmember McGull expressed his belief the proposed makes sense when small modifications are needed.

Councilmember Lee expressed his agreement with Councilmember McGull. He asked if similar language is in place for zoning cases. Mr. Sparlin responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Lee noted conditional use permits are more complicated and detailed than straight zoning cases. He expressed his support for the proposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked for confirmation that the proposed would make the process for conditional use permits consistent with that of zoning cases. Mr. Sparlin responded affirmatively.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted there is Charter language that addresses zoning cases.

Councilmember Hosmer noted there are more restrictions on conditional use permits while zoning cases typically do not have the same number of conditions. Mr. Sparlin responded zoning cases could have a conditional overlay district included. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief City Council should share its thoughts with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2024-008 (Simpson, Hardinger, Horton, and Jenson)

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

Teresa Allen, Budget Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Allen noted the proposed would accept the Evaluation of Municipal Charges. She added one-third of fees are evaluated on an annual basis. Ms. Allen further noted this is the fourth year using this methodology. The fees reviewed this year were Public Works, Environmental Services, and Enterprise Fund fees. Ms. Allen thanked the Finance and Administration Committee for its recommendations. She added the remaining two-thirds of fees that were not reviewed will increase by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to keep up with inflation. For this fee study, the CPI was 3 percent and will be applied on July 1, 2024. Ms. Allen noted fees for Hazelwood Cemetery were an exception to the CPI increase as the market must be considered. She added Enterprise Fund Fees are unique in recovering costs by providing the service today and considering future capital needs. The new fee added was for Hazelwood Cemetery, and the existing fee for micromobility devices was new to the study. No fees were recommended to be eliminated, 4 fees were recommended to be reduced, 25 fees were recommended to have no change, and 96 fees were recommended to be increased. Ms. Allen added the

impact of the fee study is anticipated to generate \$1.8 million in total revenue. \$1.7 million would be designated for the Non-General Fund. The fee study was presented to the Finance and Administration Committee which recommended accepting the study as presented and development fees were presented to 14 stakeholders for comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Ms. Allen and her team for their work on the study. He expressed his belief the rotating review of fees has provided a benefit. He noted former Councilmember Andy Lear spearheaded the changes.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if Fees In Lieu Of, particularly for sidewalks, had been reviewed. Ms. Allen noted a request can be considered by the City to accept a Fee In Lieu Of if certain conditions exist or construction is not practical. The decision to accept the Fee In Lieu of rests with the City Manager and the Director of Public Works. The fees collected are maintained in a separate fund to be used for future construction within those Council Zone areas. The fee for sidewalks initially was to obtain 75 percent cost recovery and increase by the CPI next year. The cost would increase to 100 percent cost recovery in this year's study. The cost shows the low bid. Ms. Allen noted the Fee In Lieu of Stormwater would increase by the CPI.

Councilmember McGull asked if an agreement is signed with the landowner for Fee In Lieu Of sidewalks, does the fee remain with the property. Mr. Gage responded he did not believe the fee remains with the property. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded the fee is tracked and the fee would not have to be paid again by a new owner.

Councilmember Lee asked if the fees are dependent on whether the area is residential or commercial. Mr. Smith the option of building the sidewalk is available if the development feels it would be less expensive.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2024-009 (Simpson)

A special ordinance approving the selection of The Salvation Army and Women's Medical Respite as recipients of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allotted for non-congregate shelters; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into agreements to carry out the programs.

Mayor McClure recused himself from Council Bill 2024-009 and left the dais.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed would allow the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds which were allotted for non-congregate shelters to be carried over and granted to The Salvation Army and to Women's Medical Respite. Mr. Jones noted there were three applicants which are all active in working with the homeless community. He explained the process. Mr. Jones noted the proposals were evaluated independently by five staff members. There were ten evaluation factors that focused on the viability of the project, the experience of the applicant, the increase in shelter beds, and readiness to proceed with the project in order to meet American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expenditure guidelines. Mr. Jones added the proposals were ranked according to these factors, and it was recommended to accept the proposals of The Salvation Army and the Women's Medical Respite as they would increase the bed count and provide sustainable support for homeless individuals.

Councilmember McGull asked Mr. Jones if he participated in the evaluation of the submission. Mr. Jones responded affirmatively. Councilmember McGull asked for clarification of the deficiency of Safe to Sleep which the others didn't have. Mr. Jones responded Safe to Sleep was not increasing the number of beds according to scoring criteria, and a property agreement for the site was not signed, limiting the site control.

Councilmember Jenson asked how many new units would be added. Mr. Jones responded the Salvation Army would increase their available beds from 56 to 100, and the Women's Medical Respite would accommodate three additional people.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jaimie Trussel, a representative of the Council of Churches, addressed City Council. Ms. Trussel thanked City Council for their consideration of the proposals. Ms. Trussel noted the Council of Churches has served vulnerable residents in the community for five decades. She added most of their funding comes from State and local agencies. Ms. Trussel noted Safe to Sleep is the area's only emergency women's shelter. She added the facility has never been full in its current facility. Ms. Trussel asked City Council to consider the loss of fifty shelter beds due to Safe to Sleep being in a temporary space. Ms. Trussel noted the Department of Economic Development at the State of Missouri granted the organization \$1.9 million. Ms. Trussel noted the Council of Churches has been in real estate negotiations for six months regarding a permanent location. She expressed her belief an investment in their proposal would secure the future of Safe to Sleep.

Councilmember Horton asked if the project would be 100 percent funded if the organization received the funds it requested from the City. Ms. Trussel responded they have not yet received the contractor's bid, but there was no reason they could not open with secured funding. She added the project would be completed in phases because the property would need renovations.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked Mr. Gage if this would be a project that could be reviewed by the ARPA Committee for consideration for funding. Mr. Gage responded it was possible as there was additional funding that could be allocated for this purpose.

Councilmember Lee asked Mr. Jones if the deciding body knew that Safe to Sleep utilizes a temporary shelter. Mr. Jones responded affirmatively.

Councilmember McGull asked if this is the only women's shelter in the city. Ms. Trussel responded it is the only women's low barrier shelter, meaning no identification is needed to receive shelter. Councilmember McGull expressed his belief Safe to Sleep may need to be considered for additional funding.

Councilmember Jenson asked if there was a deadline to secure a match commitment. Ms. Trussel responded the deadline was the same for the State funding and local funding.

Councilmember Hardinger thanked Ms. Trussel for appearing and thanked the Council of Churches and Safe to Sleep for what they provide for the community. She noted Safe to Sleep also provides support and case management for individuals. Councilmember Hardinger asked if the state funding was contingent upon receiving a match. Ms. Trussel responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if State funding would be lost if local funding was not secured. Ms. Trussel responded she would begin fundraising if a local match was not received.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked how to proceed with consideration of funding for Safe to Sleep. Mr. Gage noted it would be dependent on how quickly a meeting of the ARPA Committee could be scheduled, so a recommendation could be brought to City Council.

Abbie Cool addressed City Council. Ms. Cool, the Director of Women's Medical Respite, noted they care for unsheltered women who have acute illness. Ms. Cool noted they work with Safe to Sleep, One Door, and Mercy to assist women with recovery. Ms. Cool further noted there are communities in the United States which employ a respite model. She added they are the only women's respite in the State of Missouri. Ms. Cool added they will serve up to eight women in a house they will move into next month. She noted the money they have requested through the grant would provide for the replacement of a furnace and a fence.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Ms. Cool for her work.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Ms. Cool for speaking. He asked if the project would be severely jeopardized with the reduced amount and how the gap would be fulfilled. Ms. Cool responded they would be fundraising in an effort to make up the difference.

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

Mayor McClure returned to the dais.

13.3. Council Bill 2024-010 (Carroll)

A special ordinance approving the Eighth Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22, representing changes requested by the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22, regarding seniority and reinstatements; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Eighth Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would authorize the 8th amendment to the Springfield Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement, primarily addressing how seniority is handled. Ms. Morrison added that seniority is currently based on the last date of hire. She noted this is different from how seniority is handled for other positions. Ms. Morrison further noted the proposed would no longer require department seniority to be based on the last date of hire. She expressed her belief this change could positively affect officers applying for reinstatement.

Councilmember McGull expressed his belief the proposal sounded good. He asked how the proposed would affect linear promotion. Ms. Morrison responded the proposed could affect how many promotions would be available. She added there are other factors to consider including that the individual has to apply for reinstatement within a year of separation.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how many Police Officers are in the old retirement system. Ms. Morrison responded there are approximately 40. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief the City should do everything possible to recruit new officers, given the City is approximately 60 officers short of full staff. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would be for officers that have resigned and a Council Bill for retirees would be heard at the next meeting.

Councilmember Jenson asked if reinstated officers continue to be under the old pension system. Ms. Morrison responded they would not. She added the City Code would prohibit that. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief it is important to make sure officers have advancement opportunities. He asked for a meeting to discuss what goes into a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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. Christopher Cross wishes to address City Council.

Christopher Cross addressed City Council. Mr. Cross thanked City Council for obtaining an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant podium. He noted his address is concealed by State Law. Mr. Cross discussed Council Bill 2023-268 which was tabled and subsequently had sponsorship withdrawn. Mr. Cross noted he had requested a meeting with Councilmembers, which Councilmember Jenson attended. He added he was asked to redraft the bill. Mr. Cross expressed his belief a Council Bill for the issue is needed but needs to consider individuals with disabilities. He expressed his belief the bill he drafted addressed these issues and should go through the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights to eliminate conflicts of interest. Mr. Cross suggested a Mayor's Commission on Disabilities be created.

14.2. Alice Barber wishes to address City Council.

Alice Barber, a resident of Zone 2 and leader with Springfield Tenants Unite, addressed City Council. Ms. Barber spoke in regard to Council Bill 2023-268. She thanked City Council for removing the bill from the agenda. Ms. Barber expressed her concern with the issues in the bill being resolved. She noted there should be a clear and just protocol for the bill. She expressed her belief there should be no ambiguity in rules that ban individuals from City property. She added steps to protect the rights of citizens should be evident in the policy. Ms. Barber expressed her belief any policy which restricts access to City services must be held to the highest standard and be clearly understood.

14.3. Nathaniel Smith wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

14.4. Jeff Smith wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

14.5. Abbie Cool wishes to address City Council. Withdrew.

14.6. Megan Herzog wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

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 Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Zipporah Burns with term to expire May 1, 2024. Recommended.
- 15.3. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Jared Durden with term to expire May 1, 2026. Recommended.
- 15.4. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointments to the Landmarks Board: Adam Letterman and Bryan Lenox with terms to expire November 1, 2026. Recommended.
- 15.5. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Personnel Board: Amanda Cooper with term to expire March 1, 2025. Recommended.
- 15.6. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Helen Gunther and Eric Pauly with terms to expire January 1, 2028. Recommended.
- 15.7. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointments to the Police Civilian Review Board: Dr. Allen Grymes and Lori Muetzel with terms to expire May 1, 2026. Recommended.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

18.1. Council Bill 2024-011 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into a Contract for Sale of Real Estate with Springfield QOZ Self-Storage LLC d/b/a Devon Self-Storage, for 0.43 acres of vacant land in the 300 block of West Chestnut Street; and authorizing the issuance of a quitclaim deed for the same. (Staff recommends approval.)

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

19.1. Council Bill 2024-012 (Hardinger)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Teresa Emerson to the Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2024-012 (Hardinger). Resolution 10738 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. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS. See Item #3.

20.1. 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.)

Council Bill 2023-304 (McGull). Ordinance 27958 was 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. Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Dan Furtak with term to expire October 1, 2026. Confirmed.

20.3. Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Gail Herbert with term to expire October 1, 2025. Confirmed.

20.4. Confirm the following reappointments to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations: Rachel Naab and Jamea Crum with terms to expire October 1, 2026. Confirmed.

Note: The name Rachel Naab was corrected from Nabb to Naab.

20.5. Confirm the following appointments to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Addison Jones and Justin Sheppard with terms to expire December 1, 2026. Confirmed.

20.6. Confirm the following reappointment to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Michael Brittain with term to expire December 1, 2026. Confirmed.

20.7. Confirm the following reappointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Brad Beattie with term to expire January 1, 2027. Confirmed.

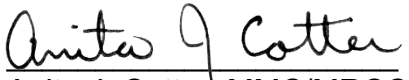
20.8. Confirm the following appointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Nancy Riggs with term to expire January 1, 2027. Confirmed.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Jenson 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.

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