



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

April 22, 2024

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. April 8, 2024, City Council Meeting, and April 9, 2024, Special City Council Meeting.

Approval of Minutes. Councilmember Hosmer moved to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting and the April 23, 2024, Special City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, 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 Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, 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 more than 830 volunteers signed on to volunteer through Clean Green Springfield, the City's annual litter clean-up initiative. Springfield residents dropped off seven roll-off dumpsters full of trash and bulky items and helped recycle a total of 630 tires and 225 mattresses. He added a second Drop-off Depot opportunity would run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 4 at 404 N. Jefferson. Information could be found at cleangreensgf.com.

Mr. Gage noted the Citizens' Commission on Community Investment met for the first time on April 16. A diverse group of community stakeholders were charged with evaluating and prioritizing the highest and best uses for a local sales tax capacity upon the scheduled 2025 expiration of the current $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent Police-Fire Pension Sales Tax. He added full details and video of the meeting would be available online at springfieldmo.gov/CCCI. The next meeting was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, in the Councilman Denny Whayne 4th floor conference room in the Busch Municipal Building.

Mr. Gage noted the 22nd Lateral Police Academy Graduation would take place at 4:00 p.m. on May 3 at the Regional Police-Fire Training Center located at 2620 W. Battlefield.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield-Greene County Health Department issued its 2023 Annual Report, marking the milestone of 150 years of dedicated service in the community. Two major projects this past year included a men's suicide prevention program called "Hey Man, You Good", and the Family Connects program, which has nurses doing house calls to provide education and support for all families with newborns. The report can be found on the Health Department's website.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for an update on the landfill and solid waste. Mr. Gage responded it was on the tentative agenda. Councilmember Hosmer noted the increase in traffic in the eastbound lane of Jefferson near the new 7 Brew location. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded the traffic was being observed. He noted it was anticipated traffic flow would normalize in time.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2024-027 (Simpson) **This item was postponed from the February 26, 2024, City Council Meeting until the April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting.**

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 38.5 acres of property generally located at 2730 East Farm Road 188 from Planned Development No. 288 to R-SF, Residential Single Family; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Center Court, LLC; 2730 E. Farm Road 188; Z-3-2024).

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2024-027 and left the dais.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed was postponed from the February 26, 2024, City Council Meeting. He added the public hearing was held on February 12, 2024.

Ordinance 6847. Council Bill 2024-027 (Simpson) 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.

6.2. Council Bill 2024-059 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.09 acres of property generally located at 2646 West Walnut Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District to HC, Highway Commercial District with Conditional Overlay District No. 251; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Seth Holdings, LLC; 2646 W. Walnut Street; Z-9-2024 with Conditional Overlay District No. 251.)

Ordinance 6848. Council Bill 2024-059 (Horton) 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 2024-060 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 9.45 acres of property generally located at the 2200 block of North Belcrest Avenue from HC, Highway Commercial District with Conditional Overlay District No. 226 to HM, Heavy Manufacturing District with Conditional Overlay District No. 250; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: 3G Investment Group, LLC; 2200 blk N. Belcrest Avenue; Z-6-2024 with Conditional Overlay District No. 250.)

Ordinance 6849. Council Bill 2024-060 (McGull) 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 2024-061 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.42 acres of property generally located at 1501 and 1505 West College Street and 201 North Nettleton Avenue from HC, Highway Commercial District to IC, Industrial Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Lorisa Kirkpatrick LLC; 1501 and 1505 West College Street and 201 North Nettleton Avenue; Z-8-2024.)

Ordinance 6850. Council Bill 2024-061 (Horton) 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 2024-062 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 5, 'Supplemental District Regulations,' Section 36-459, 'Special regulations for retail liquor sales,' for the purpose of requiring additional notices and protest eligibility.

Councilmember McGull moved to amend Council Bill 2024-062. He noted the amendment would clarify the proposed. Councilmember McGull further noted the amendment would require the owner of the property to receive notice and allow them to provide their input if an occupant of the property had protested. Councilmember McGull added the proposed would be amended to update the language to allow for notice to the owner of a protest. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hosmer asked who would send notification to the property owner if a tenant were to file a protest. Councilmember McGull responded the City would notify the owner.

Following the above discussion, the amendment 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 noted the public hearing would be continued to the May 6, 2024, City Council Meeting on the amendment only.

6.6. Amended Council Bill 2024-063 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving the Final Development Plan of Planned Development District No. 303, generally located at 1735 East Valley Water Mill Road. (By: Triple S Properties Inc.; 1735 E Valley Water Mill Road; Final Development Plan – Planned Development 303.)

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the planned development was approved in 2006 and if there was a limitation on how long a plan could remain approved with no development. Steve Childers, Director of Planning and Development, responded there was no time limit on a planned development. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief it would be beneficial if changes were made to encourage economic development to have a timeline for completion.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views regarding the amendment only.

Bruce Stidham spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Stidham expressed his belief the land had been over cleared in relation to the 50-foot buffer provided in the proposed. Jordan Paul, City Attorney, noted the amended map was what Planning and Zoning considered for the development process.

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

Ordinance 27978. Amended Council Bill 2024-063 (McGull) 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.

6.7. Council Bill 2024-064 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the payment of a one-time, \$2,000 retention incentive payment for eligible employees in the positions of 911 Telecommunicator, 911 Telecommunicator Lead, and 911 Shift Supervisor.

Ordinance 27979. Council Bill 2024-064 (Hardinger) 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.

6.8. Council Bill 2024-065 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to enter into a Funding, Licensing, and Services Agreement with Ozark Greenways, Inc., a Missouri Nonprofit Corporation, for the purpose of funding the Multi-Trail Gap Planning and Design Project for the not to exceed price of One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$182,000.00); authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Springfield; and amending the FY2023-2024 Adopted Budget by appropriating carryover funds from the FY2022-2023 Adopted Budget and increasing expenses in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$182,000.00).

Ordinance 27980. Council Bill 2024-065 (Lee) 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.

7. **RESOLUTIONS.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2024-069 (McGull)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 3059 North National 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 granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 3059 North National Avenue. He added the property was on a short block face. Mr. Hosmer noted the property received 50 percent of the 55 percent of signatures required.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for confirmation that the property did not meet the block face or signature requirement. Mr. Hosmer responded affirmatively. Councilmember Hosmer asked how many short-term rentals were currently in the City. Mr. Hosmer responded approximately 280. He added approximately 100 letters were recently sent out to owners of short-term rentals that were operating illegally.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Christopher Blackard, the owner of the property, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Blackard noted the property was located near the Fairgrounds. He expressed his belief the area would benefit from a short-term rental. Mr. Blackard noted they own one other short-term rental and they run their properties legally. He added the property has off-street parking and would provide an opportunity for travelers.

Councilmember Lee asked for an explanation of the block face requirement. Mr. Hosmer responded the requirement considered the number of residential units on a block face.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if any opposition was received to the proposed. Mr. Hosmer responded he did not know of any.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief there was warrant for an appeal.

Resolution 10755. Council Bill 2024-069 (McGull) 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.

7.2. Council Bill 2024-070 (Simpson)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 826 East Stanford Street, 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 granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 826 East Stanford Street. He noted a neighborhood meeting was held with 12 in attendance. He added the owner was unable to obtain the required number of signatures. Mr. Hosmer noted three letters of opposition were received.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief that an owner of a property not responding to the notification letter should not be taken as consent.

Mayor McClure asked Mr. Hosmer to point out the addresses from which he received letters of opposition. Mr. Hosmer pointed to the map showing the addresses which had submitted a letter of opposition.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ken Bolls, the property owner, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Bolls noted the property was purchased as an income property. He added there are family and friends in the area. Mr. Bolls noted their intentions were good and improvements would be made to the property. He added a short-term rental would allow them to regularly inspect the property for repairs and upkeep. Mr. Bolls noted there would be set rules for use of the property.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the issue would have come before City Council if three of the four signatures had been turned in. Mr. Childers responded it would not.

Resolution 10756. Council Bill 2024-070 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Councilmember Lee. Nays: Councilmember Jenson, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Mayor McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7.3. Council Bill 2024-071 (Simpson)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 535 East LaSalle Street, for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson recused himself from Council Bill 2024-071 and left the dais.

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would allow granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 535 East LaSalle Street. He added twelve people attended a neighborhood meeting. Mr. Hosmer noted a valid protest petition was received, and other property owners in the area had opposed the application.

Councilmember Hosmer asked to view the map and to confirm the applicant received only one signature. Mr. Hosmer provided the map and responded the applicant had received one signature. He noted the information provided was collected through the County Assessor's office.

Councilmember Jenson asked if information regarding adjacent property owners was provided to the applicant. Mr. Hosmer responded affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Nathan Maubrico spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Maubrico noted the area provides a good neighborhood feel and parking was resident parking only. He expressed his belief a short-term rental would not fit well into the community for safety reasons, and there are sufficient

hotel rooms within 2.5 miles of the area. Mr. Maubrico expressed his belief short-term rentals contribute to the housing shortage.

Doug Bryan spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Bryan noted he had lived in the neighborhood for 36 years. He expressed his belief there were problems with short-term rentals. Mr. Bryan noted the neighborhood had been very stable, quiet, and safe.

Rachel Swain spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Swain noted the neighborhood had been a safe and quiet neighborhood.

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

Mayor McClure expressed his opposition to the proposed. He noted the strong neighborhood opposition and lack of signatures for the proposed.

Councilmember Carroll expressed her opposition to the proposed. She noted being generally in favor of short-term rentals.

Council Bill 2024-071 (Simpson) failed by the following vote: Ayes: None. Nays: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson . Abstain: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson returned to the dais.

7.4. Council Bill 2024-072 (McClure)

A resolution declaring the results of the Special Municipal Election held on April 2, 2024, under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Springfield, Missouri, on the questions of whether to amend City Charter Section 19.16 and to amend City Charter Sections 2.1(1) and 2.6.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would declare the results of the Special Municipal Election held on April 2, 2024, under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Springfield, Missouri, on the questions of whether to amend City Charter Section 19.16 and to amend City Charter Sections 2.1(1) and 2.6. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would accept the City Charter changes and place them in the City Charter.

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

Resolution 10757. Council Bill 2024-072 (McClure) 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.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

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

10.1. Council Bill 2024-073 (Simpson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to fund the Renew Jordan Creek – Main Avenue to Boonville Avenue project; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; as a condition of amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$400,000; and declaring this Ordinance may be passed in one reading pursuant to Sec. 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to postpone Council Bill 2024-073 until the May 6, 2024, City Council Meeting. He explained the postponement would provide staff time to address questions. Councilmember McGull seconded the motion, and it 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 2024-074 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a grant from the State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$797,798 to expand the Mental Health Co-Responder Program; amending the budget for the Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$797,798; and declaring this Ordinance may be passed in one reading pursuant to Sec.2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted the proposed would allow acceptance of a grant from the State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$797,798 to expand the Mental Health Co-Responder Program. The funds would allow for three additional full-time co-responders and one full-time administrative support employee to track data. Chief Williams noted the program had been successful to date.

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

Ordinance 27981. Council Bill 2024-074 (Carroll) 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.

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2024-075 (Horton)

A special ordinance to establish and define the boundaries and adopt the plat, plans, specifications, and sealed estimate of construction costs for Sanitary Sewer District No. 111 of Section No. 5 of the main sanitary sewers of the City of Springfield, Missouri, located in the general vicinity of Talmage and Broadway Street; authorizing the City Manager or designee to advertise for bids for the construction of said sewers; providing for how the cost thereof shall be paid; declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain interests in land; authorizing the City Manager or designee to conduct good faith negotiations for the purpose of acquiring said necessary interests in land; and authorizing the City Attorney or designee to institute condemnation proceedings if said necessary interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would establish and define the boundaries and adopt the plat, plans, specifications, and sealed estimate of construction costs for Sanitary Sewer District No. 111 of Section No. 5 of the main sanitary sewers of the City of Springfield, Missouri, located in the general vicinity of Talmage Street and Broadway Avenue. He added the proposed would eliminate four septic systems within the city. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would define the boundaries of the district, authorize the City to advertise for bids for construction of the sewer, and grant authority to institute condemnation proceedings for the necessary easements if they could not be acquired through good faith negotiations. He added residents were notified in December, and they were given information regarding financial assistance programs. Once bids are acquired, the bid would be presented to City Council for approval. Mr. Kemper noted 120 tax bill sewer projects had been completed since 1998.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the information sent to residents was sent to the property owners. Mr. Kemper responded the owner of each property was notified. Mr. Kemper noted he would provide additional information to City Council.

Councilmember McGull expressed his support for the elimination of septic tanks in the city. He asked how many remain in the city. Mr. Kemper responded 385 unsewered tracts remain. The long-term plan was to eliminate approximately half of the remaining tracts over the next several years.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if a property owner could remain on septic after City sewer was available. Mr. Kemper responded they could not and added a property owner would have 90 days to connect once City sewer was available.

Councilmember Lee asked how much of the cost the City subsidizes. Mr. Kemper responded the cap for residential was \$5,280, and assistance was also available for residents.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2024-076 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article VI, 'Finances,' Division 2, 'Purchasing,' Section 2-401, 'Purchasing Manual adopted,' by revising Section 13-3.104(5)(C) for the purpose of allowing a "Construction Manager at Risk" to advertise and receive bids.

Jennifer Swan, Registered Architect, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Swan noted the proposed would allow amending the Springfield City Code to allow a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) to advertise and receive bids. Ms. Swan noted the CMAR method allowed for collaboration between the owner and contractor during design and construction. She added allowing CMAR to advertise and receive bids would better align with the City's process and help facilitate effective communication.

Mayor McClure asked how the CMAR process had been working thus far. Ms. Swan responded the process had been impressive. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, noted the process had been useful on the Jordan Creek project.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the procurement process would still be required to follow the City's process and if the bid selection would still come before City Council. Ms. Swan responded affirmatively.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2024-077 (Simpson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to grant a perpetual conservation easement to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR") to protect a portion of City-owned property for the Renew Jordan Creek – Main Avenue to Boonville Avenue project.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved Council Bill 2024-077 be postponed until the May 6, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Hosmer seconded the motion, and it 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.

13.4. Council Bill 2024-078 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in the amount of \$90,800 to re-establish a jail diversion program in partnership with the Springfield Municipal Court.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the proposed would re-establish a Jail Diversion Program in partnership with the Springfield Municipal Court. She added the program previously existed and was successful. Ms. Towns noted the program ceased due to funding. This program would allow low-risk offenders to meet with a Community Health Advocate within the Health Department to create a path toward stabilization. Ms. Towns further noted health advocates would work with the individual to overcome barriers and work toward greater stability and success. She added 19 of the 25 previous participants completed the program.

Councilmember Jenson asked if Judge Garrison had individuals come through the court system who would benefit from the program. Chief Municipal Court Judge Wendy Garrison responded she had regularly seen individuals who could benefit from the program.

Councilmember McGull asked if a regular report could be provided. Judge Garrison responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hosmer asked what the criteria would be for participants. Judge Garrison responded individuals would be referred to the Community Health Advocate for an interview to determine if the individual would be a good fit for the program.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Christopher Cross addressed City Council. Mr. Cross described his son and expressed his belief that when focusing on the whole person and providing the care and services needed, skills could be learned to keep the individual from committing crime. Mr. Cross expressed his support for the proposed.

Cory Cross addressed City Council. Mr. Cross noted without such programs, he would be on the streets. He asked if there were any questions.

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

Mayor McClure noted the proposed came out of the Community Involvement Committee and asked the sponsorship be changed to reflect all members of the committee.

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

14.1. Chloe Harnar wishes to address City Council.

Chloe Harnar addressed City Council. Chloe Harnar, a student at Drury University, noted gender inconsistencies within the City in addressing City Council members. Chloe Harnar noted the power of language and the negative associations with using titles such as councilwoman and councilman. Chloe Harnar advocated that gender-neutral titles be used.

Councilmember McGull thanked Chloe Harnar for her comments.

14.2. Ray Shermer wishes to address City Council.

Ray Shermer addressed City Council. Mr. Shermer asked City Council for a new regulation for the noise ordinance to control noise related to a car wash near his residence. Mr. Shermer noted the industrial machinery was operated at all hours, and the fans created loud noise in his home. Mr. Shermer expressed his belief the excessive noise should be held to the noise ordinance, and the hours of operation should be limited.

Mayor McClure asked legal staff to review the issue.

14.3. Christopher Cross wishes to address City Council.

Christopher Cross addressed City Council. Mr. Cross noted his experience with a previous landlord and problems with repairs. He added his request for a wheelchair ramp at his rental was denied by the landlord. Mr. Cross expressed his belief government officials often neglect disabled individuals. He expressed his belief a housing priority should not have been referred to committee.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief that referring the issue to committee generated a focus on the issue.

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 reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Rusty Worley with term to expire April 11, 2028. Recommended.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

18. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2024-066 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of curating any artifacts or records generated by the archaeological investigation conducted in support of the Renew Jordan Creek project.

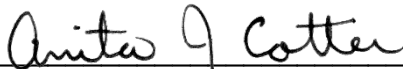
Council Bill 2024-066 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro Tem Simspon moved to adjourn. Councilmember Carroll 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.

Prepared by: Michelle Brown


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MRCC
City Clerk