



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

May 6, 2024

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting, April 23, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, and April 30, 2024, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting, the April 23, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, and the April 30, 2024, Special City Council Meeting as presented. 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.

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.

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

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the Citizens' Commission on Community Investment met last Tuesday and heard presentations by the Springfield Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works. He added the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department would present.

Mr. Gage noted the City of Springfield's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Taj Suleyman, recently shared his office's annual report at a City Council Lunch. Mr. Suleyman announced changes to the office, including a name change to the Office of Belonging and Intercultural Development. This was a significant step towards deepening the City's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, a change not just in name but in action, with a full transition expected by July 2024.

Mr. Gage noted tickets were available for the Adam Wainwright concert at Hammons Field on May 31. The Springfield Cardinals, in conjunction with the Hatch Foundation and the City of Springfield, were excited to bring the first stand-alone concert to Hammons Field.

Mr. Gage noted Clean Green Springfield hosted its second Dropoff Depot disposal opportunity this past weekend. The event collected 702 tires and 182 mattresses for recycling and filled 10 roll-off dumpsters with trash and bulky items. With the help of Public Works and Environmental Services, the event helped more than 430 households clean up their homes and dispose of items that were hard to dispose of. He added Clean Green Springfield had reached 900 registrations for various volunteer cleanup and beautification opportunities available across the community. So far, Clean Green participants had picked up nearly 400 bags (or an estimated 5 tons) of litter and trash from streams and roadways.

Mr. Gage noted the City's Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement produced an anti-littering Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign that was running during the Clean Green Springfield initiative. The video announcement was shared at the meeting.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Gage for reporting on the Clean Green event. He asked if funding for the program had been considered in the upcoming budget. Mr. Gage responded the budget presentation would be detailed in the next couple of weeks.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On. Except Item 6.1. Citizens May Speak to the Amendment Only.

6.1. Amended 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 Horton expressed her belief there were benefits to the amended bill and expressed her support for the proposed.

Ordinance 6851. Amended Council Bill 2024-062 (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.

6.2. 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.

Ordinance 27983. Council Bill 2024-075 (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 2024-076 (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.

Ordinance 6852. Council Bill 2024-076 (Hosmer) 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 2024-078 (Hardinger, Hosmer, Carroll, Lee)

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.

Ordinance 27984. Council Bill 2024-078 (Hardinger, Hosmer, Carroll, Lee) 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 2024-079 (Hardinger)

A resolution adopting the 2024 Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of providing a schedule of public improvements for 2024 through 2029.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there had been some issues with the voting system and timer. She added if the timer did not show on the display, a yellow card would be held up when one minute remained, and a red card would be held up when the time had expired.

Randall Whitman, Principal City Planner, noted the proposed would adopt the 2024 Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of providing a schedule of public improvements for 2024 through 2029. He added the resolution represented a recommendation from staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Whitman further noted the list included 156 programs and projects planned for the year. He added it also included projects and programs planned for the next five years and 50 unfunded projects. Mr. Whitman noted the plan was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and they recommended approval.

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

Resolution 10758. Council Bill 2024-079 (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.

7.2. Council Bill 2024-080 (Hosmer)

A resolution amending the Urban Service Area boundary lines to align with the boundaries established as part of the Growth Boundary Agreements with other municipalities and to include an area east of the current boundary lines to serve a portion of the Upper James River Basin.

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2024-080 and left the dais.

Alana Owen, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Owen noted the proposed would allow amendment to the Urban Service Area boundary lines to align with the boundaries established as part of the Growth Boundary Agreements with other municipalities and to include an area east of the current boundary lines to serve a portion of the Upper James River Basin. Ms. Owen added the policy was originally adopted in 1984 to set boundaries for the City's urban services. She noted the proposed included areas to be amended to align the service area with agreements with other municipalities. These agreements included the cities of Strafford, Battlefield, Republic, Willard, and an area between Battlefield and Republic. Ms. Owen noted the proposed would not change any of the agreements in place. The intent of the proposed was communicated to the other cities.

Mayor McClure confirmed there was an agreement with each of the surrounding communities, and each of the agreements was approved by both the cities and the City of Springfield. He added the proposed would make the Urban Service Area boundaries consistent with the agreements. Ms. Owen responded affirmatively. Mayor McClure asked if the amendments to the agreements had been approved by each entity. Ms. Owen responded the agreements to each of the municipalities had not gone forward to date. Mayor McClure asked the distinction between the Urban Service Area Agreements and the Urban Service Area boundaries. Ms. Owen responded the agreements show where the cities would expand. The urban service area line showed where services would be provided.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the Urban Service Area was where services were provided to unincorporated areas. Ms. Owen responded affirmatively. Ms. Owen noted sewer agreements were separate from the proposed. Councilmember Hosmer noted the City was becoming landlocked by other cities' growth and expressed his belief an annexation plan would be desirable. Mr. Gage noted the unincorporated growth was being watched. Councilmember Hosmer asked what areas the City provided sewer service to. Mr. Gage responded Willard, Battlefield, Strafford, and Rogersville. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief a surcharge should be reviewed for customers outside the area. Mr. Gage responded this would be reviewed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his belief the alignment changes were good. He added the next steps would be to review consent annexations.

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

Resolution 10759. Council Bill 2024-080 (Hosmer) 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.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

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

- 10.1. Council Bill 2024-073 (Simpson) This item was postponed from the April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting until the May 6, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to fund the Renew Jordan Creek – Main Avenue to Boonville Avenue project. Mr. Kemper noted the grant was in the amount of \$400,000. He added the funds were held in a trust by the State, and MDNR was the trustee for the State. Mr. Kemper further noted the grant was required to be used to protect groundwater resources. He noted the grant would fund a naturalized stream channel and repair the corridor zone with plantings for the Renew Jordan Creek project.

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

Ordinance 27985. Council Bill 2024-073 (Simpson) 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 2024-081 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept an extension to the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Community Health Worker Initiative grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in the amount of \$474,210 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the Grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$474,210 for the purpose of appropriating the additional grant funds, and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the proposed would allow acceptance of an extension to the

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Community Health Worker Initiative grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in the amount of \$474,210. She added the grant would be used to reach underserved populations to address substance misuse and high-risk chronic diseases. Ms. Towns noted the grant would allow for continuation of the services.

Ordinance 27986. Council Bill 2024-081 (Hosmer) 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.

10.3. Council Bill 2024-082 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept \$108,406 in additional local public health core services funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services through its State Investment in Local Public Health Services Participation Agreement with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$108,406 for the purpose of appropriating the additional funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the proposed would allow acceptance of \$108,406 in additional local public health care services funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services through its State Investment in Local Public Health Services Participation Agreement with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. Ms. Towns further noted the additional funds would be used to continue care public health services and building maintenance needs.

Ordinance 27987. Council Bill 2024-082 (Lee) 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.

10.4. Council Bill 2024-083 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of accepting American Rescue Plan Act grant funds to support construction of the Catalpa Street and Lone Pine Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project in the amount of \$734,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted the proposed would allow acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act grant funds in the amount of \$734,000 to support construction of the Catalpa Street and Lone Pine Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project. He added the project would help reduce flooding in the residential area through excavation and installation of pipe. Mr. Dunnaway noted sidewalks would be installed and trees planted as part of the project.

Ordinance 27988. Council Bill 2024-083 (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.

10.5. Council Bill 2024-084 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of accepting American Rescue Plan Act grant funds to support construction of the Stormwater Improvements for Loren Street and Karla Avenue Project in the amount of \$838,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted the proposed would allow for acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$838,000 to support construction of stormwater improvements for the Loren Street and Karla Avenue project. He added the project would help reduce flooding to city streets in the area. Mr. Dunnaway further noted construction was anticipated to begin between next fall and early 2025. He added matching funds would be provided through the City's 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Ordinance 27989. Council Bill 2024-084 (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.

10.6. Council Bill 2024-085 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of accepting American Rescue Plan Act grant funds to support construction of the Glenwood Regional Detention project in the amount of \$2,024,755; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Kirkland Preston, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Preston noted the proposed would allow acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act grant funds in the amount of \$2,024,755 to support construction of the Glenwood Regional Detention Project. He added the project was identified by the Army Corp of Engineers feasibility study as a good cost benefit for mitigating flood impacts by adding stormwater storage. Mr. Preston further noted the improvements include excavation on the existing Glenwood Detention and improvements along East Rockhurst by adding new stormwater pipe. Improvements include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements to the playground area and native plantings.

Ordinance 27990. Council Bill 2024-085 (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.

10.7. Council Bill 2024-086 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of accepting American Rescue Plan Act grant funds to support construction of the Renew Jordan Creek-Main to Boonville Project and the Jordan Creek Box Culvert-Phelps and Boonville Project in the amount of \$5,000,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Kirkland Preston, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Preston noted the proposed would allow acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act grant funds in the amount of \$5 million to support construction of the Renew Jordan Creek-Main to Boonville Project and the Jordan Creek Box Culvert-Phelps and Boonville Project. He added \$2,860,000 of 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax, and \$3 million of Environmental Services Enterprise Funds, were also designated for the project.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the improvements would remove any properties from the flood plain. Mr. Preston responded affirmatively and added there was another phase of the Jordan Creek project that would be needed to utilize the full potential.

Ordinance 27991. Council Bill 2024-086 (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.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2024-087 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving The Sisters Mill Redevelopment Plan submitted by The Sisters Mill Redevelopment Corporation for the redevelopment of an area generally located at 610 North Prospect Avenue; declaring the area in The Sisters Mill Redevelopment Plan to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of public peace, prosperity, health, safety, morals, and welfare; authorizing certain tax abatement within the area of The Sisters Mill Redevelopment Plan; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with The Sisters Mill Redevelopment Corporation relating to the implementation of The Sisters Mill Redevelopment Plan.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow for redevelopment at 610 North Prospect, define the Sisters Mill Redevelopment Area as a blighted area, and authorize certain tax abatement within the Sisters Mill Redevelopment Area. She added the proposed would include up to twenty-five years of real property tax abatement. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would include a blight report, a redevelopment plan, and tax impact analysis.

She further noted findings required for approval included the area being designated as blighted, conformance with ForwardSGF, and approval of tax abatement. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted there was environmental contamination found on the site, deterioration to the buildings, and dangerous conditions. She added the redevelopment plan would include a two-story casual restaurant, green space, and rehabilitation of existing structures. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted benefits included the rehabilitation, reactivation of an abandoned site, and generation of sales tax revenues.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2024-088 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.76 acres of property generally located at 2333, 2335, and 2337 East Bennett Street from HM, Heavy Manufacturing District to IC, Industrial Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Bennett Building LLC; 2333, 2335, and 2337 East Bennett Street; Z-10-2024.)

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would allow rezoning of approximately 0.76 acres of property generally located at 2333, 2335, and 2337 East Bennett Street to Industrial Commercial District. He added the applicant wishes to establish a personal service business.

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 2024-077 (Simpson) This item was postponed from the April 22, 2024, City Council Meeting until the May 6, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed was related to Council Bill 2024-073. He further noted the proposed would authorize the City 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.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2024-089 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a project design consultant agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and TransCore ITS, LLC, for the purpose of developing Advanced Transportation Management System software for use at the Springfield Traffic Management Center, for the not to exceed price of \$79,803.39.

Brian Doubrava, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Doubrava noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into a project design consultant agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and TransCore ITS, LLC, for the purpose of developing Advanced Transportation Management System software for use at the Springfield Traffic Management Center, for the not to exceed price of \$79,803.39. He added this was the primary software used by operations staff for the purpose of traffic management and traveler information. The proposed would consolidate the operations into a single software product. Mr. Doubrava noted the software would allow for review and dissemination of information gathered.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if data from cameras would be shared with the City. Mr. Doubrava responded the cameras were State and City and were already being utilized in the City.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2024-090 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) to appropriate retained earnings from the Solid Waste Fund for the engineering design, construction, and oversight of the City of Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill Office Building.

Erick Roberts, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roberts noted the proposed would allow appropriation of retained earnings in the amount of \$4 million from the Solid Waste Fund for the engineering design, construction, and oversight of the City of Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill Office Building. He added the project would provide a much-needed building with improved office space, security, and lighting. Mr. Roberts noted the project was included in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Councilmember Hosmer asked when a City Council lunch to discuss trash service could be scheduled with Mr. Roberts. Mr. Gage responded the topic would come to a lunch meeting in June.

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

13.4. Council Bill 2024-091 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under the Consolidated Plan; accept Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds if awarded; enter into any necessary agreements to carry out the grants; select projects for funding for the City of Springfield's Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and adopt the Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Project Evaluation Criteria, Procedures, and Score Sheet.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed would allow the City to apply for and accept 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds. He added the plan would allow the City to then enter into any necessary agreements to carry out the grants, select projects for funding for the City of Springfield's Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and adopt the Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Project Evaluation Criteria, Procedures, and Scoresheet. Mr. Jones noted the allocations would be adjusted if needed. He further noted the forecast was \$1.6 million for CDBG funds and \$1.2 million for HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. Mr. Jones noted the Commercial Loan Program was mostly funded from income generated from previous loans. He added funds for public services were restricted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Jones noted public services were funded based on scoring, and approximately \$205,000 in funding would be allotted for public services. The criteria for selection were based on ten criteria approved by City Council, and these criteria would be used for the upcoming funding.

Councilmember Hosmer asked what funding was supplied for rental housing. Mr. Jones responded that affordable rental development was funded with approximately 2 to 3 homes funded each year. This housing was then available for lower-income individuals. He added money was also contributed to other rental housing. Mr. Jones noted plans were shared with developers for additional affordable housing projects.

Councilmember Jenson asked if development projects were evaluated for the project type. Mr. Jones responded most homes built were 3 to 4 bedroom homes as the demand was higher.

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

13.5. Council Bill 2024-092 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' to establish hiring incentives for police officers and a student loan reimbursement program for newly hired police officers.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow amendment to the Salary Ordinance to establish hiring incentives for police officers, and a student loan reimbursement program for newly hired police officers. Ms. Morrison further noted the proposed strategies would enhance recruitment efforts. She added the incentive would be \$5,000 for those who graduate from the Police Academy and \$10,000 for lateral hires who graduate. The incentives would begin in September 2024, and funding was based on salary savings from Police Officer vacancies.

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. Tim Trafford wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

14.2. James D Mincks wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

14.3. Tony Amelio wishes to address City Council. Appeared.

Mr. Amelio addressed City Council. Mr. Amelio noted 118.49.11 regarding taxi meters was a City ordinance. Mr. Amelio noted the current ordinance requires the monitor to be fixed to the transmission. He expressed his belief the ordinance needs to be updated to move to digital technology. Mr. Amelio noted the new technology would provide an itemized receipt which would help alleviate errors.

Mayor McClure noted staff would review the issue.

15. NEW BUSINESS.

15.1. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Airport Advisory Board: Jessica Harmison-Olson with term to expire June 1, 2027.
Recommended.

15.2. The City Manager recommends the following reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board: Landon Lewis and Jerome Compton with terms to expire June 1, 2027.
Recommended.

15.3. Refer consideration of allocation of the adult use marijuana 3% sales tax to the Finance and Administration Committee. Referred.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

18.1. Council Bill 2024-093 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Shirley's Subdivision, generally located at 425 East Trafficway and 320 North Jefferson Avenue, 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 terms of this Ordinance.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

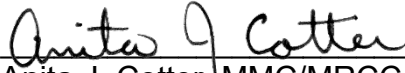
- 20.1. Confirm the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Natalee Stinson with term to expire January 1, 2029. Confirmed.
- 20.2. Confirm the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Rusty Worley with term to expire April 11, 2028. Confirmed.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

Councilmember Jenson moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson 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