



## City of Springfield

### Minutes

### **REVISED** 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

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**June 10, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

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

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### **1. ROLL CALL.**

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

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. May 20, 2024, City Council Meeting, June 3, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, and June 4, 2024, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024, City Council Meeting, the June 3, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, and the June 4, 2024, Special City Council Meeting. Councilmember Hosmer seconded the motion, and the minutes were 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.

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

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted Springfield Fire Department crews responded to a mutual aid request to Fair Grove on Saturday night to assist with a water rescue. They successfully rescued a 12-year-old boy and a 45-year-old man from the river.

Mr. Gage noted Fire Chief David Pennington had provided City Council with the department's annual report.

Mr. Gage provided a reminder Council Lunch would begin at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11. The time was updated to accommodate a longer agenda.

Mr. Gage noted Ron Schneider was named Director of Parks and Recreation for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. Mr. Schneider replaced Bob Belote, who retired as director in January after a 20-year history with the Parks Department. He added Jim Fisher was currently serving as interim director. Mr. Schneider will begin work on Monday, July 8.

Mr. Gage noted Assistant Park Director Kim Reser was recently recognized nationally as the 2024 recipient of the Professional Fellow Award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials. The Professional Fellow Award was the top award given to a full-time professional currently working in the parks and recreation field at all levels. The recipient was selected by their fellow peers who were leading various nationally recognized park and recreation agencies throughout the country. Mr. Gage congratulated Ms. Reser.

Mayor McClure congratulated Ms. Reser.

Kim Reser expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Parks Department and noted it had been an honor to serve the department and Greene County citizens. She thanked Dan Kinney and Jody Adams for hiring her and thanked Mr. Gage for the acknowledgment.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided an update. Chief Williams noted crime was trending down with a 2.5-percent reduction overall. He added the three categories of Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, and Crimes Against Society would be presented for the first quarter. Chief Williams noted Crimes Against Persons showed an overall decrease. He added there was a three-percent reduction in Crimes Against Property, with a 25-percent decrease in robbery and a decrease in motor vehicle theft. Chief Williams noted a 10-percent reduction in burglary. He further noted Crimes Against Society showed an increase due to more arrests for narcotics violations. Chief Williams noted there were 21 instances of shots fired during the month of April with 2 injured, and 70 shots fired for the first quarter with 10 injured. He noted if the trend continued, this would be the lowest number in approximately a decade.

Chief Williams provided an update on the Data-Driven Approach to Crime (DDACTS). Chief Williams noted there was a 10-percent decrease in calls for service for the quarter. There were 14,605 traffic stops and the average call for service per officer each month was 501. Chief Williams noted there were currently 58 vacant positions for sworn officers. The goal for the September Academy class was 25. Chief Williams added there were currently 12 Police Service Representative vacancies. Chief Williams provided a 2024 recruitment campaign update. He noted the current marketing utilized television, radio, and social media. Current incentives for recruitment included \$5,000 to \$10,000 incentives, student loan reimbursement, and expanded alternatives for application to testing.

Councilmember McGull expressed his belief the Chief provided a good report. He asked if the number of miles patrolled could be provided. Chief Williams noted this information was tracked and could be added to the report.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how many car stops resulted in citations and for the breakdown of calls for service. Chief Williams responded he would provide the information to City Council. Councilmember Hosmer noted he received calls from citizens regarding cars without license plates. Chief Williams encouraged citizens to call with a description of the vehicle.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Chief Williams for the presentation. He noted the numbers show officers take approximately four calls per hour. He asked if there was a standard for how many calls were handled in an hour. Chief Williams noted they continually review calls and time management. He added the primary goal for traffic officers was responding to 911 calls. Councilmember Jenson asked what City Council could do to help noise ordinances be enforced more easily. Chief Williams expressed his belief the ordinances were appropriate and other factors make enforcement more difficult.

Councilmember McGull asked about the difficulty of purchasing police vehicles. Chief Williams noted the City was in queue for vehicles and the 2025 vehicles were anticipated to be received in approximately April 2025.

## **6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.**

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

### **6.1. Council Bill 2024-095 (Hosmer)**

A special ordinance setting a preliminary tax levy on real and personal property for current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(5) of the City Charter.

Ordinance 27998. Council Bill 2024-095 (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.

6.2. Council Bill 2024-096 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document were appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(3) of the City Charter

Ordinance 27999. Council Bill 2024-096 (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.

6.3. Council Bill 2024-097 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale, and delivery by the City of Springfield, Missouri, of Special Obligation Improvement Bonds, in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs related to Phase I improvements to the Art Museum, improvements to historic City Hall, the City's workforce development operations building and refurbishment of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge; amending the Fiscal Year 2024 budget of the City in the amount of \$26,000,000 and amending the Fiscal Year 2025 budget of the City in the amount of \$2,703,000; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(3) of the City Charter.

Councilmember Jenson noted he would like to follow up on the proposed regarding feedback received at the previous meeting from the Workforce Development Board Director. He noted the board voted to recommend the Council of Local Elected Officials (CLEO) dissolve its agreement with the City of Springfield. Councilmember Jenson asked if the City would be able to meet the debt service payments without the revenues from these organizations. Jason Gage, City Manager, responded action taken was specific to the fiscal agent role and was a limiting role regarding budgetary impact. He added based on the action of a fiscal agent role, there would be no measurable impact on the City's ability to make payments. Councilmember Jenson asked if there would be an impact on the ability to make debt payments if the administrative service agreement were dissolved. Mr. Gage responded any future action would begin to have some impact. He noted the City would then explore alternative grant opportunities. Mr. Gage further noted renting spaces in the new building was factored in as a cost-savings measure.

Councilmember Horton noted there was a request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for City Hall. She asked if the funds for City Hall would be covered under the proposed Special Obligation Bonds rather than through a request for ARPA funds. David Holtmann, Director of Finance, responded the City Hall ARPA request was for potential additional abatement costs. He added the current budget had set aside approximately \$750,000 for abatement costs. Mr. Holtmann noted the City Hall project would be put out for bid in the next few weeks, and based on the size of the project, staff expressed their belief it would be prudent to increase the reserved amount. Councilmember Horton asked about the \$4.4 million in funding for City Hall in a forthcoming bill. Mr. Holtmann responded the General Fund allocation would allow greater flexibility for the Workforce Development building as the Special Obligation Bonds were tax-exempt and had specific Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations.

Councilmember Horton expressed her concern there appeared to be a funding gap for the City Hall project. Mr. Gage noted there would be a possible funding gap for City Hall as there were multiple pieces to go out for bid. He added using the Construction Manager At Risk would be an advantage.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He noted the bond financing was tied to several important projects, including the Art Museum project. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson highlighted the importance of having contingencies for the Workforce Development project.

Councilmember McGull noted there were many unknowns. He added should the abatement cost be less than estimated, ARPA funding could possibly be reallocated to other projects. Mr. Holtmann responded there could be an opportunity to use the funds for other options. He added reallocation of funds would need to be considered by October or November of this year. He added the estimate for abatement would be received by June 18, 2024.

Ordinance 28000. Council Bill 2024-097 (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.

6.4. Council Bill 2024-098 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget by reallocating carryover funds in the amount of \$4,400,000, appropriated in Ordinance 27967 for Historic City Hall renovations, to the Workforce Development building acquisition and renovation project.

Ordinance 28001. Council Bill 2024-098 (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 2024-099 (Simpson)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 2960 East Huron, 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 for a Short-Term Rental Type 2 at the property located at 2960 East Huron. He added the property was located on a short-block face and would need City Council approval for that reason. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed received 75 percent of the signatures required, and no protest petitions were received.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked for confirmation the only reason the issue had come before City Council was due to the block-face requirement. Mr. Hosmer responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how many Short-Term Rentals had come before City Council due to the block-face requirement. Mr. Hosmer responded there were 27 appeals, and he would review how many were due to the block-face requirement and present those to City Council. Councilmember Hosmer asked where the block-face ordinance information could be found. Mr. Hosmer responded it was listed in Section 36-473. Councilmember Hosmer asked how many short-term rentals were in the City and how many of those were illegal. Mr. Hosmer responded there were 312 registered short-term rentals and approximately 100 letters were sent out regarding illegal short-term rentals. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief these were a disservice to the City. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his opposition to the proposed.

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

Mayor McClure expressed his opposition to the proposed due to the City Code block-face requirement.

Councilmember Carroll asked why the block-face requirement was created. Mayor McClure responded it was created so there would not be too many short-term rentals on one block.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief there was not a density issue, but one too few houses on the block-face.

Councilmember Hardinger asked if there was a way for applicants to view the block prior to application. Mr. Hosmer responded there was a short-term rental map online.

Councilmember McGull expressed his support for the proposed and expressed his belief individuals who utilized short-term rentals in the City come here for work opportunities.

Councilmember Horton noted the proposed was due to the appeal process and asked if the applicant was present.

Jeffrey Haymes, the applicant, noted the property was in the Galloway area and was a short-term rental for a few years prior to changes in the Code. He added the property was recently rented to a medical professional, and he would like to offer the property as a short-term rental in compliance with the City Code.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the property was previously a short-term rental. Mr. Haymes responded it was a short-term rental, then a regular rental, and they would like to offer the property as a short-term rental at this time.

Council Bill 2024-099 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Councilmember Lee. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer and Mayor McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

## **8. EMERGENCY BILLS.**

## **9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

## **10. GRANTS.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

### **10.1. Council Bill 2024-100 (Hardinger)**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of appropriating federal funds to partially reimburse the base salaries of up to seven City employees who work at the Transportation Management Center; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Brian Doubrava, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Doubrava noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of appropriating federal funds of up to \$480,000 to partially reimburse up to 80-percent of the base salaries of up to seven City employees who work at the Transportation Management Center. He added the wages come from the Transportation Fund budget, and the block grant funds had been utilized since 2008.

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

Ordinance 28002. Council Bill 2024-100 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton. 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 2024-101 (Hosmer)**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., in an amount to equal forty-seven percent (47%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism within the City of Springfield.

Mark Hecquet, President/CEO of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hecquet noted a slight increase of 3.8 percent in revenues had been forecast. He added an increase in short-term rental revenue had been seen. Mr. Hecquet noted short-term rentals had been woven into their strategies. He further noted the commitment to the Cooper/Killian Complex payment and a change in the Missouri State Tourism Program would cause the CVB to work with fewer funds in the upcoming year. He added their marketing was experiencing changes, and there would be a greater emphasis on accessibility.

Mr. Hecquet noted they were working with a national public relations agency to increase tourism. He further noted the CVB was exploring ways to increase international visitors through the promotion of Route-66. Mr. Hecquet thanked all who attended the Toast To Tourism event.

Councilmember McGull thanked Mr. Hecquet for his presentation. Councilmember McGull expressed his opinion he would like to see more conventions come to Springfield. He asked what the City could do to have more conventions come to the City. Mr. Hecquet responded there were multiple reasons, including having facilities that were able to compete. He added neighboring communities had expanded their facilities. Councilmember McGull asked if this was included in a long-term plan. Mr. Hecquet responded the Expo Center would need to be renovated and the Sears building rebuilt to allow for an open area.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Hecquet for his presentation and for the CVB's support of the Cooper/Killian complex. Mr. Hecquet noted the goal of the CVB was to deliver on making the City better.

Councilmember Jenson asked if short-term rentals contributed to declining hotel stays. He expressed his concern about incentivizing short-term rentals. Mr. Hecquet responded incentivization was a concern to the hotel community. He added short-term rentals had impacted the market due to individuals' travel patterns.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if there was a desired number of short-term rentals to allow in the City. Mr. Hecquet responded issues with short-term rentals lean more toward issues in residential areas. He added branded hotels had entered the short-term rental market. Councilmember Hosmer asked if short-term rentals were required to meet the same accessibility requirements as hotels. Jordan Paul, City Attorney, responded the information would be provided.

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

#### 13.2. Council Bill 2024-102 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Inc., in an amount to equal four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax to promote the attraction of sporting events to the community.

Lance Kettering, Executive Director of the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kettering noted some events that added to the success of the Commission included the 2024 BMX International Nationals, which would return in 2025, and the Missouri USA Wrestling tournament. Mr. Kettering expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to bring sporting events to the City. He added the funds would be utilized to make the City a sports destination.

Councilmember Carroll thanked Mr. Kettering for his presentation.

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

### 13.3. Council Bill 2024-103 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Regional Arts Council, Inc., in an amount to equal four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax to support the arts and cultural tourism in the community.

Leslie Forrester, Executive Director of the Springfield Regional Arts Council, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Forrester noted the work of the Arts Council fell into three categories: to advocate, educate, and collaborate to add a vibrant creative economy to the city. She added the arts sector generated \$89.2 million in economic activity each year, drew 1.8 million individuals to arts and cultural events, and supported over 1,000 jobs. Ms. Forrester noted education was provided through accessible programming and promoted well-rounded individuals and critical thinking. She added they collaborate through programming and cultural development, including ArtWalk and ArtsFest.

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

### 13.4. Council Bill 2024-104 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of continuing to provide enhanced law enforcement services within and around the Missouri State University campus.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted the proposed would allow the City to enter an agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University to continue providing enhanced law enforcement services within and around the Missouri State University campus. He added the City had a relationship with Missouri State for nearly thirty years with a Sargent, Corporal, and eight Police Officers assigned to the substation. Chief Williams noted the proposed was a renewal of the contract with a slight increase.

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

### 13.5. Council Bill 2024-105 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$3,400,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the construction of the Glenwood Regional Detention & Chestnut Phase II capital improvement project.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Petering noted the proposed would appropriate funds in the amount of \$3.4 million from the Clean Water Fund for the construction of the Glenwood Regional Detention & Chestnut Phase II capital improvement project. He added the project would be bid soon. Mr. Petering noted the proposed was a collaborative project with the Public Works Department. He added the project would increase the size of the sewer pipe at the west edge and install green infrastructure features. The funds included a contingency.

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

### 13.6. Council Bill 2024-106 (Horton, McGull)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Division Street and National Avenue Intersection Improvements; accepting the bid of Hartman & Company, Inc. for construction of the Division Street and National Avenue Intersection Improvements Project; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder for the not to exceed price of \$2,629,522.50.

Paula Brookshire, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Brookshire noted the proposed would approve plans for intersection improvements at the Division Street and National Avenue intersection. She added the intersection was unique due to how the railroad crossed the intersection. Ms. Brookshire further noted Public Works had been working with BNSF Railway to coordinate safety improvements to the intersection. She added the improvements included railway safety improvements and roadway improvements such as flashing light signals, new concrete railway crossing surfaces, new concrete pavement intersections, pedestrian enhancements, geometric improvements including dedicated right turn lanes, and other added safety improvements. Ms. Brookshire noted the not to exceed price of \$2,629,522.50 was \$1 million less than the other estimate received, and \$750,000 over the engineer's estimate. She added the bids and estimate were reviewed by line item and increases were spread across the bid. Ms. Brookshire noted the Highway Cost Index would be used for estimating future projects.

Councilmember McGull thanked Ms. Brookshire for the presentation. He noted competition for funds from the Infrastructure Bill had caused prices to rise. Councilmember McGull expressed his appreciation for the project.

Councilmember Lee asked if it would be possible to know the number of projects the City had re-bid over the last few years. He expressed he would like to have a plan for bidding projects. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded the information would be gathered and provided.

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the area was a catalyst area. She added the area would be worthy of public improvement to compliment adjacent improvements. Councilmember Horton asked if there were any transit improvements planned. Ms. Brookshire responded she was not aware of any transit plans in the area.

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

### 13.7. Council Bill 2024-107 (Horton)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Rehabilitation Improvements; accepting the bid of Branco Enterprises, Inc. for construction of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Rehabilitation Project; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder for the not to exceed price of \$10,831,689.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed would approve plans for the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Rehabilitation Improvements. He added the design goals were to rehabilitate the bridge and retain its historical significance. Mr. Smith further noted contractors expressed concern about the paint system. He added an alternate for the bid was added to address the concern. Mr. Smith provided four options, noting they were bringing forth Option D.

Mr. Smith noted the price increases in the past few years had been dramatic. He added the structure would need to be carefully restored. The project crossed thirteen active rail lines. Mr. Smith further noted the project bid with the full paint system also added risk due to old lead paint on the structure. The not to exceed price would be \$10,831,689 for option D. Option A, Option B, and Option C provided a lower cost with a shorter life cycle for maintenance than Option D. He noted Option D would address the paint system and have the longest life cycle.

Councilmember McGull asked what the guarantee would be for the 20–25-year life cycle. Mr. Smith responded the warranty was generally one year. He added the paint system specified had an expected life cycle of 25 years based on experience with the system. Councilmember McGull asked how the Farmer's Market would be impacted during construction. Mr. Smith responded the Farmer's Market would need to be moved during construction.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for the construction timeline. Mr. Smith responded construction was estimated to last approximately six months for material acquisition and completion was estimated to be by the end of summer next year. Councilmember Hosmer asked if the contract called for lighting on the bridge. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively.

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

#### 13.8. Council Bill 2024-115 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Sections 2-3, 2-331, 2-332, 2-360, 2-361, and 2-362, to combine the Department of Economic Vitality with the Department of Workforce Development and creating the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would combine the Department of Economic Vitality with the Department of Workforce Development to create the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development. She further noted the two departments would streamline operations and enhance services long-term. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the two departments have continuously worked together to maximize programs. She noted the Department of Economic Vitality was created in 2021 to elevate the City and have a proactive approach to attracting investment for growth. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted Workforce Development services had been offered since 1974. The Workforce Development programs reach out to the region. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the department combination would align with City Council Priorities. She added the two departments combined manage a nearly \$30 million grant portfolio. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the department had operated Brownfields grant programs and a revolving loan program. She added Economic Vitality had \$840,000 appropriated which supported five full-time employees. The Workforce Development was almost entirely grant funded at an amount of approximately \$13 million. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted significant savings could be seen through collaboration internally and with outside agents. Activities for cost-savings included organizational realignment and potential building relocation to help place services in areas where individuals have the highest barriers. She further noted a grant management division would be added. Ms. Ohlensehlen added an important goal would be attraction and retention of employers and employees. She noted the next steps would be a communication plan, ongoing media presence, and collaboration with partners to identify service gaps.

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

13.9. Council Bill 2024-108 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Exclusive Representative of a certain bargaining unit within the Fire Department; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute said agreement by and on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and providing additional authority.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2024-108, 2024-109, and 2024-110 together. The summary can be found under Council Bill 2024-110.

13.10. Council Bill 2024-109 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the July 1, 2022, collective bargaining agreement between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the exclusive representative of a certain bargaining unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor employee group, representing changes resulting from wage reopener negotiations; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute said agreement by and on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and providing additional authority.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2024-108, 2024-109, and 2024-110 together. The summary can be found under Council Bill 2024-110.

13.11. Council Bill 2024-110 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee group; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute said agreement by and on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and providing additional authority.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2024-108, 2024-109, and 2024-110 together. Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would approve the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Springfield and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee group, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the exclusive representative of a certain bargaining unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor employee group, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee group. Ms. Morrison further noted all bargaining units had ratified the respective contracts which included pay improvements. She added the contract with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee group highlights included funding of merit steps and a 1.75% across-the-board pay increase to the top step, and a 2.25% increase for all remaining active steps.

Ms. Morrison noted the highlights to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the exclusive representative of a certain bargaining unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor employee group included pay improvement such as funding merit steps and adding a new top step at 2.5 percent above the current top step. Ms. Morrison noted highlights to the the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee group as a new contract included pay improvements such as funding pay and merit steps, and a new top step at 2.5 percent above the current top step. She added a new holiday on the day after Thanksgiving was negotiated for all three groups.

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

#### 13.12. Council Bill 2024-112 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92. "Salary Ordinance," by amending various job titles within the City service to add or delete various job titles; by providing pay adjustments for non-bargaining unit employees on the following salary schedules: Professional, Administrative, and Technical (Non-Union and Unclassified), Crafts, Trades and Labor Non-Union, Fire Protection Schedule Non-Union (80 and 112 Hour), and Law Enforcement Schedule Non-Union; and by incorporating pay improvements impacting bargaining unit members that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would update various job titles based on departmental organizational changes and job studies. She added the annual pay improvements for non-union personnel included funding of merit steps, addition of a new top step at a 2.5 percent increase from the current top step, and addition of a holiday on the day after Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Hosmer asked the percent of union versus non-union in the City. Ms. Morrison responded it was approximately 50 percent.

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

#### 13.13. Council Bill 2024-113 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-91. "Merit System Rules and Regulations," by amending Merit Rules 20.1, 21.1, 21.11, 24.2, and 25.1.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow changes to the Merit Rules to reflect changes in pay, benefits, and holidays as recommended. She further noted the day after Thanksgiving would be added as a holiday. Ms. Morrison noted clarification would be included for employees who had been reinstated to receive unused pin days. She further noted the vacation leave provision would be updated to provide for continuous operation holiday pay. The cap for the change would be raised to 2.5x the annual holiday for the cap. Ms. Morrison added the Vacation Leave Transfer Program (Care Leave Program) would be updated to clarify the title. Ms. Morrison noted the vehicle allowance for certain management positions would be updated. She further noted the Health Insurance cap would be raised from 5 percent to 10 percent to provide for rising health care costs.

Councilmember McGull expressed his agreement with the Vacation Leave Transfer Program. He expressed his belief the benefits package was competitive with the private sector. Councilmember McGull asked how the benefits were marketed to potential applicants. Ms. Morrison responded the current benefits were marketed and would be updated to reflect any changes. Councilmember McGull asked if a stipend for childcare had been considered. Ms. Morrison responded more research would be conducted in the upcoming year.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for clarification on the vehicle allowance. Ms. Morrison responded the vehicle allowance was for management level positions approved by the City Manager. She added the allowance would be raised from \$430 per month to \$650 per month based on Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rates. Councilmember Hosmer asked for clarification on the health insurance rates. Ms. Morrison responded the cap would be raised to 10 percent. This would allow for flexibility of up to a 10 percent increase if needed due to rising health care costs. Jordan Paul, City Attorney, noted there must be an Industry Survey Source endorsed by the Employee Health Insurance Committee to justify an increase.

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

#### 13.14. Council Bill 2024-114 (Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VI, "Finances," Division 4, "Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System," Section 2-484 "In Service Distributions After Retirement and Rehire" to authorize pension payments to certain retirees who are rehired by the City.

Tony Kelley, Administrative Director of the Police and Fire Pension Board, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kelley noted the proposed would allow for pension payments to certain retirees who were reinstated. He added a small portion of pensioners would be eligible.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Kelley for his work.

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. Patricia Tursi wishes to address City Council.

Patricia Tursi addressed City Council. Ms. Tursi expressed her belief she was a stalking victim. She noted receiving a threat of eviction after presenting a list of various items that had been taken from her to the landlord. Ms. Tursi expressed her concern the issue would escalate.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if Ms. Tursi had thought about using cameras. She responded her daughter had sent her some cameras.

Mayor McClure noted there were companies that could possibly assist with installing the cameras.

14.2. Eric Pauly wishes to address City Council.

Eric Pauly addressed City Council. Mr. Pauly expressed his belief neighborhood cleanups have many benefits. He added all individuals were consumers. Mr. Pauly noted there were limited options for removal of unwanted items. He noted the neighborhood cleanups had been successful over the past four years by removing 113.89 tons of waste, recycling electronics, and repurposing items. Mr. Pauly expressed his belief the City participation in funding cleanups was beneficial.

**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.

**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**17. MISCELLANEOUS.**

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

18.1. Council Bill 2024-116 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to define construction and maintenance responsibilities associated with Route Loop 44 and Business 65 improvements.

18.2. Council Bill 2024-117 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to define construction and maintenance responsibilities associated with the Route EE, Loop 44, US 160, OR 65 and Route YY improvements to pedestrian facilities.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2024-118 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept additional Child Care Health Consultation grant funds from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in the amount of \$19,950, for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement health promotion activities to benefit children; to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the terms of the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$19,950 to appropriate the additional grant funds; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Ordinance 28003. Council Bill 2024-118 (Carroll) 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.

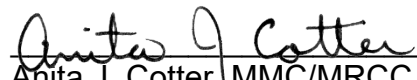
**20. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.**

**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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