



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

July 8, 2024

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. June 18, 2024, Special City Council Meeting and June 24, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024, Special City Council Meeting and the June 24, 2024, City Council Meeting as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, 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 City of Springfield would benefit from appropriation support from the State of Missouri for the third year in a row. In addition to seeing funding support for the I-44 expansion in the Springfield area, Springfield would receive \$10 million for the Springfield Art Museum expansion and renovation, \$3.4 million for the LeCompte Roadway Improvements Phase II, \$3.5 million for Hammons Field additional improvements, and \$1 million for the Springfield-Greene County Health Department's Family Connects Program. He added the City was grateful for the support of Governor Parson, the hard work of Senator Lincoln Hough, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Representatives Bill Owen, Betsy Fogle and Stephanie Hein, members of the House Budget Committee, and the rest of the delegation who supported Springfield-area projects.

Mr. Gage noted the City was notified by the United States Department of Transportation they were selected to receive a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in the amount of \$24.8 million for the "Ungap the Map" project which was one of the Top 10 initiatives of the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan. He added the "Ungap the Map" project would construct approximately 3.14 miles of Ozark Greenways trails connecting neighborhoods on the west side of Springfield. The project would eliminate at-grade crossings, install approximately four pedestrian bridges, remove abandoned culverts, install traffic-calming and green infrastructure, construct ADA-accessible sidewalks, and provide dedicated bicycle paths. Mr. Gage further noted RAISE grants were awarded on a competitive basis. This application was based heavily on citizen input to eliminate critical greenway system gaps connecting many economically challenged neighborhoods to parks, downtown, and other business areas.

Mr. Gage noted the ribbon cutting for the rebuilt Fire Station 7 at 2129 E. Sunshine would occur on July 16 at 2:00 p.m. This fire station was located near the Brentwood and Oak Grove neighborhoods. He added funding for the rebuilt station was provided by the voter-approved Level Property Tax at a cost of just over \$3.5 million.

Mr. Gage introduced Ron Schneider as the new Director of Parks and Recreation. He added Mr. Schneider's most recent appointment before joining the City was as Executive Director for the Freeport Park District in Freeport, Illinois. Mr. Schneider earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University, and he was a Certified Park and Recreation Executive. Mr. Schneider had nearly 25 years of full-time management experience in the parks and recreation field, and was selected after a nationwide search, led by the Park Board, with representation from City management.

Mayor McClure welcomed Mr. Schneider to the City.

Ron Schneider, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked City Council and the City for the opportunity. He noted the importance of parks to the community.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the Federal Railroad Administration was reviewing an Amtrak line that would run from New York City to Dallas. He expressed his belief it would be beneficial for the City to support Amtrak running through the City. Mr. Gage noted if City Council were supportive, a letter could be drafted.

Councilmember Lee thanked staff for their work on the RAISE grant. He expressed his support for their work on the grant.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On. Except Item 6.1. Citizens May Speak.

6.1. Council Bill 2024-120 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' for the purpose of annexing approximately 2.72 acres of private property generally located at 3801 West Sunshine Street, and referenced as Annexation A-2-2024, into the City of Springfield.

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

Ordinance 6860. Council Bill 2024-120 (Jenson) 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 2024-121 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a License Agreement to Use City Property with the Commercial Street Community Improvement District, for the purpose of allowing the installation and placement of concrete pads and screening for solid waste containers on City rights-of-way and City-owned property.

Ordinance 28017. Council Bill 2024-121 (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 2024-122 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract to purchase the property generally described as 1660 and 1661 North Boonville Avenue and to execute all necessary documents in support thereof; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract to purchase current furnishings within said property.

Ordinance 28018. Council Bill 2024-122 (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.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2024-123 (McClure)

A resolution accepting the Citizens' Commission on Community Investment Report to City Council.

Jason Gage, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Gage noted the action would be to accept the report. He added the Commission was to review the Police and Fire Pension sales tax that was set to expire. The Commission was formed to discuss best use of the sales tax if renewed and make recommendations to City Council. Mr. Gage further noted the recommendations were to ask voters to support a new 3/4-cent sales tax. He added 1/4-cent would be used for public safety, including full funding of the legacy pension program. This portion would have no sunset. The remaining 1/2-cent would be utilized for initiatives that relate to recreation and community and were in alignment with the ForwardSGF Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Gage noted this portion would have a sunset of ten years.

Mr. Gage introduced Phillis Ferguson, Citizens' Commission for Community Investment Co-Chair. Ms. Ferguson noted the issue was previously discussed at a City Council Lunch and offered to answer any questions.

Councilmember Lee thanked Ms. Ferguson and Dr. Prater for their work on the Commission.

Mayor McClure thanked the Commission for their efforts.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Alice Barber spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Barber, a member of the Citizens' Commission on Community Investment, expressed her belief City Council should accept the report. Ms. Barber asked City Council to be mindful of what would be best for all in Springfield, as an ordinance was created based on the recommendations. Ms. Barber noted nearly 60 percent of residents were renters and one-in-three lived near or below the poverty line. She expressed her belief it would be important to invest in the most vulnerable residents. Ms. Barber noted she would like to see funding specifically allocated to housing and Code enforcement.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted he and Councilmember McGull were City Council liaisons for the Commission. He thanked the co-chairs and members for their work and time. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the initiative.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed would accept the report from the Commission.

Resolution 10762. Council Bill 2024-123 (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.

7.2. Council Bill 2024-124 (Lee)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for up to \$3,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Labor Critical Sector Job Quality Grant Program to support and expand the hospitality workforce.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow the City to apply for up to \$3 million in grant funds from the United States Department of Labor Critical Job Sector Job Quality Grant Program to support the hospitality workforce. She further noted the grant would allow for focused training for the hospitality sector and serve a minimum of 350 individuals. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the projected start date would be September 2024 and span over three years. The grant would provide opportunity and address barriers such as transportation and access to childcare.

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

Resolution 10763. Council Bill 2024-124 (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.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

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

10.1. Council Bill 2024-125 (Horton, Jenson)

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 funding maintenance and rehabilitation of the Grant Avenue Viaduct; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,022,339 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Eric Claussen, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Claussen noted the proposed would provide rehabilitation for one of the City's longest bridges. He further noted the bridge was built in 1927 and rehabilitated in 1978. Mr. Claussen added the rehabilitation would include replacement of the expansion joints, bridge deck repair, epoxy overlay, and structural repairs. The rehabilitation was anticipated to last approximately 20 to 25 years. Mr. Claussen noted the proposed would be a great opportunity to use the federal funding.

Councilmember Jenson asked if there would be opportunity for place-making efforts by placing murals on the bridge. He asked if there were issues with right-of-way. Mr. Claussen responded they had been in contact with the Law Department to work through details for adding public art.

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

Ordinance 28019. Council Bill 2024-125 (Horton, Jenson) 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 2024-126 (Horton, Jenson)

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 funding maintenance and rehabilitation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge on Benton Avenue; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$935,284 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Eric Claussen, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Claussen noted the proposed would allow for rehabilitation and maintenance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. He added the rehabilitation would be anticipated to last 20 to 25 years.

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

Ordinance 28020. Council Bill 2024-126 (Horton, Jenson) 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 2024-127 (Hardinger)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Revolving Loan Fund Grant Supplemental Funding program to provide additional loans and subgrants for environmental cleanups in Springfield through the City's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would authorize acceptance of \$1 million in grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency to provide loans and subgrants for environmental cleanups through the City's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the City had operated Brownfield's programs since 1999. The program offers loans and subgrants for cleanup. She added the funds would allow additional loans and subgrants to eligible entities.

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

Resolution 10764. Council Bill 2024-127 (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.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2024-128 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.70 acres of property generally located at 1400 West Walnut Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District to O-1, Office District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: First General Baptist Church of Springfield; 1400 W. Walnut St.; Z-14-2024).

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would allow for rezoning of .70 acres located at 1400 West Walnut from Single-Family residential to Office District. Mr. Neal further noted the building was currently used as a church. The building would be used for offices if the rezoning were approved. Mr. Neal added the placetype was center city.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2024-129 (Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately .70 acres of property generally located at 1102, 1106, 1114, and 1120 East Cherokee Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District to R-MD, Medium-Density Multifamily Residential District with Conditional Overlay District No. 247; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: One Hundred Two Glenstone Inc.; 1102, 1106, 1114, & 1120 East Cherokee Street; Z-2-2024 w/ Conditional Overlay District No. 247).

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2024-129 and left the dais.

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would allow rezoning to Medium-Density Multifamily Residential District (RMD). The location was approximately .70 acres located at 1102, 1106, 1114, and 1120 East Cherokee Street. The applicant intended to build a multi-family development at the location. Mr. Sparlin added a step-down approach was to be used. He noted the plan encouraged missing-middle housing types. Mr. Sparlin noted these housing types encouraged diversity in housing stock and had moderate increases in density. Mr. Sparlin noted the maximum density was 21 units per acre with a two-story maximum structure height. He added a six-foot fence would be installed along the Residential Single-Family (R-SF) side of the property. Mr. Sparlin further noted the applicant had requested 21 dwelling units per acre and RMD district allows up to 29 dwelling units per acre. He added a connectivity analysis and road network evaluation were conducted. Mr. Sparlin added the development scored 6 Development Guideline points for pedestrian amenities, scale, orientation, and landscaping, and internal connectivity. Mr. Sparlin added the plan recommended a step-down approach. He noted the plan would span from R-SF to General Retail (GR) with RMD in the middle. Mr. Sparlin noted greater densities would be on the periphery of the neighborhood. Mr. Sparlin further noted staff recommended approval, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial.

Mayor McClure noted there was only one speaker at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. That speaker was in favor of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin responded affirmatively. There were no speakers in opposition.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief transition directly from single-family homes to apartments was detrimental to quality of place. He asked the number of residential lots. Mr. Sparlin responded there were four. Councilmember Hosmer asked what was in the area. Mr. Sparlin responded single-family across two sides and multi-family use on one side. There was also a hotel and retail in the area. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief conflict could be avoided if there were better separation between single-family and higher density areas. Councilmember Hosmer asked if there would be any additional buffers required. Mr. Sparlin responded a standard bufferyard between R-SF and the proposed would be required.

Councilmember Jenson noted comments from the neighborhood requested low-density. He expressed his belief that six additional units on the property would most likely have a negligible effect. Mr. Sparlin responded the low-density maximum was 8 units. The proposed had retail in the area which counted as a point to increase density. Councilmember Jenson asked if there was any other difference other than density between RLD and RMD zoning. Mr. Sparlin responded there was not. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief many neighborhood requests had been met but that the proposed would add needed housing to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted the proposed would be limited to two-story. Mr. Sparlin responded affirmatively. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked for the height of the neighboring hotel. Mr. Sparlin responded four to five stories. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the project would be considered as part of the missing middle category. Mr. Sparlin responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for a visual of where the project would fit. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would range from R-SF to an area with the feel of a tri-plex or quad-plex.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Daniel Richards, a representative of Lee Engineering, noted Latoka Flats was an existing project which was constructed similarly. Mr. Richards further noted fourteen units were needed to make the project economically viable. He added no neighbors attended the Planning and Zoning meeting. Mr. Richards noted the property to the south was under contract to be purchased as a buffer. He further noted the project fits into the missing middle. Mr. Richards added comments from neighbors had been incorporated, and the housing was intended for working-class individuals.

Councilmember Horton asked what universal design features had been incorporated and if mixed income had been considered. Mr. Richards responded allowing greater density would make the units more affordable due to economy of scale.

Ryan Phillips, architect for the project, noted the project did have a designated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) unit on the ground floor. He added the unit also had a dedicated parking space. Mr. Phillips further noted there was covered parking for residents. He added ForwardSGF guidelines and principles were adhered to in the design. Mr. Phillips noted these included strategic multi-family development, commercial corridors, and a step-down approach. The proposed would provide housing availability in one of the City's key areas. Mr. Phillips added care was taken to ensure the character of the neighborhood was retained. He further noted the orientation of the building was carefully considered for integration of the project into the neighborhood.

Councilmember McGull asked if the parking lot was to the rear of the development. Mr. Phillips responded affirmatively. Councilmember McGull commended Mr. Phillips on the feature and expressed his belief the proposed would be a good compliment to the area. Councilmember McGull noted the City was in need of new housing options and expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Jenson noted the rents for Latoka Flats were \$750 per month for a studio apartment and the fair market rent in Springfield per the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was \$718. He asked the developer to take this into consideration when pricing units.

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

Councilmember Lee returned to the dais.

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On. Except Item 13.1. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2024-130 (Simpson)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Galloway Street Widening from Luster Avenue to Lone Pine Avenue; accepting the bid of Hartman and Company, Inc., in the amount of \$6,513,765 for said project; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Charter Section 2.16(25).

Nicholas Edelman, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Edelman noted the proposed would approve the plans for Galloway Street widening from Luster Avenue to Lone Pine Avenue. He added the proposed would allow for acceptance of the bid of Hartman and Company in the amount of \$6,513,765 for the project. Mr. Edelman further noted the plans would allow construction of roundabouts at the intersection of Luster Avenue and Lone Pine Avenue, widen Galloway Street, install new stormwater infrastructure including water quality basins, build a ten-foot trail on the north side of the street, and a five-foot sidewalk on the south side of the street. He added bids opened on June 11, and six bids were received with one non-responsive bid. Hartman and Company submitted the low bid in the amount of \$6,513,765.

Councilmember McGull asked if the stormwater improvements would address local flooding. Mr. Edelman responded improvements would be made.

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

Ordinance 28021. Council Bill 2024-130 (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.

13.2. Council Bill 2024-131 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield to dispose of approximately 4.93 acres of property generally located at the 200 block of East Farm Road 192.

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would allow disposal of property located at the 200 block of East Farm Road 192. He added the property was located in Christian County. Mr. Hosmer noted the property was acquired by City Utilities to be used for a substation but was never developed. He further noted City Charter required land disposal be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the disposal was approved by the Commission.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2024-132 (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 Campbell Acres Phase II, generally located at 3505 and 3525 South Campbell Avenue and 3446 South Main Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance; and approving the Planning and Zoning Commission's grant of two subdivision variances.

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2024-132 and left the dais.

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City for 16 acres of property located at 3505 and 3525 South Campbell Avenue, and 3446 South Main Avenue. He added the property was currently an automobile dealership. Mr. Hosmer further noted the property was currently a split zone of Highway Commercial and Residential Townhouse. He added the proposed subdivision would have two lots in the front and one lot in the back.

Councilmember Horton asked why the proposed was not on the consent agenda. Mr. Hosmer responded the proposed normally would be. The item was placed on the regular agenda to allow for review of the variances.

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

Councilmember Lee returned to the dais.

13.4. Council Bill 2024-133 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$3,500,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the design phase of the Environmental Services Operations Facility capital improvement project.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would amend the budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$3.5 million for the design phase of the new Environmental Operations Facility. He added in 2021, the consent judgment was renegotiated with the State. The capital improvements listed in the overflow control plan included a new operations facility.

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

13.5. Council Bill 2024-134 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budget of the City of Springfield in the General Fund by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$189,564, for the purpose of adjusting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses, adjusting the salary budget for retirement payouts, and adjusting interdepartmental budgets.

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Vernon noted the budget adjustment was prepared as part of the Finance Department's year end process. She further noted events occurred during the year that resulted in expenditures and revenues that were not anticipated at the adoption of the budget. Ms. Vernon noted the adjustments were processed at the end of the fiscal year for efficiency purposes. Ms. Vernon further noted the General Fund year-end adjustments consisted of \$189,564 in reimbursements for Niche software, Police Department Training Apprenticeship Program, sale of City gear, sale of scrap metal, and a small amount of donations. Ms. Vernon added the budget adjustment also included salary items. She added the budget adjustment also included distribution of City-wide contingency monies and adjustments between departments.

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

13.6. Council Bill 2024-135 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budget of the City of Springfield by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$436,659, in various Special Revenue Funds, for the purpose of accounting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expense items.

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Vernon noted the year-end budget adjustment for Special Revenue Funds included \$395,000 paid from buyer escrow funds held by the City, \$23,724 for the Fire Department from Missouri State University Southwest Missouri Council of Governments for travel reimbursement, \$70 for the Fire Department in donations for the smoke alarm program, \$5,793 for the Police Department for the sale of brass, and \$12,073 for the Public Information Office for Route 66 merchandise sales.

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

13.7. Council Bill 2024-136 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budget by increasing revenues by \$700,000 and appropriating Parks Fund Balance of \$633,892, for a total of \$1,333,892, to offset unanticipated expenditures of \$1,333,892, and increasing both revenues and associated expenses within the Golf Enterprise Fund by \$500,000, for an overall budget adjustment of \$1,833,892.

Jerry Mitchell, superintendent of Parks Business Operations, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mitchell noted the Springfield-Greene County Park Board was requesting a budget adjustment of \$1,833,892 to utilize additional revenue to offset various repairs and maintenance. He further noted the parks system was growing, and there were maintenance needs for aging parks infrastructure and equipment. Mr. Mitchell further noted maintenance was needed for safety reasons and to keep the parks at their best.

Councilmember Jenson asked the cost associated with deferred maintenance. Mr. Mitchell responded he would review this with staff and provide an amount.

Councilmember McGull asked what the expenditures were for the three \$25,000 amounts. Mr. Mitchell responded the expenditures were bank fees associated with credit card processing fees due to increased utilization of credit card use.

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

13.8. Council Bill 2024-137 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$750,000 to appropriate the fund balance from the Art Museum Special Project Fund to support the design and construction of the Springfield Art Museum Renovation and Expansion Project at the Springfield Art Museum.

Nick Nelson, Art Museum Director, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Nelson noted the proposed would amend the Art Museum Fiscal Year 2025 budget in the amount of \$750,000 to appropriate funds for the design and construction of the Art Museum Renovation and Expansion Project. He added the funds were raised by the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Nelson and the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum for their work.

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

13.9. Council Bill 2024-138 (Simpson, Carroll, McGull, Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending Special Ordinances 27640, 27641, 27642, 27643, and 27730 to revise funding appropriated for retention payments and a city-wide housing study; amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to appropriate funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for certain projects in the amount of \$611,819.00; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into agreements for said projects.

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Vernon noted a portion of American Rescue Plan Act funds were previously approved to be utilized for retention payments and a city-wide housing study. She added \$5.9 million was budgeted for retention payments and \$500,000 was budgeted for the housing study. Ms. Vernon further noted 2024 was the final year budgeted for retention payments and expenditures were approximately \$195,000 less than budgeted. She added the housing study was funded by other grant funds. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee met on June 7, 2024, and reviewed additional ARPA fund requests. Ms. Vernon noted the Committee recommended the remaining ARPA funds to be allocated to the following; \$100,000 for the Forvis Mazars ARPA Compliance Services Contract; \$100,000 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) five year consolidated plan to support housing; \$50,000 for the HUD consolidated plan for fair housing; \$100,000 to ForwardSGF corridor and neighborhood planning; \$66,000 for Fire Department decontamination stations at Fire Stations 2, 3, 6, and 9; \$55,819 for the Fire Department aerial awareness drone on 150-foot tether; \$50,000 to the Commercial Street Community Improvement District (CID) budget request; and \$90,000 for additional neighborhood cleanups through Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Ms. Vernon added all but \$83,662.43 of the City's ARPA funds will be allocated.

Mayor McClure asked the time frame for allocation of remaining ARPA funds. Ms. Vernon responded the remaining funds had to be allocated and obligated by December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Jenson asked how much in total had been paid to Forvis for their services. Ms. Vernon responded the initial contract was in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range. She added she would gather and provide the total to City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted the Committee reviewed the requests, and most allocations had been spent. He added the Committee would meet again to ensure obligation deadlines were met. Ms. Vernon responded grantees had been requested to speak at the next ARPA Committee meeting.

Councilmember Horton thanked the ARPA Committee. She asked the scope of work for neighborhood planning and neighborhood cleanups regarding the allocation. Councilmember Horton noted this information could be provided by memo at a later date. Ms. Vernon responded the information would be provided.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the ForwardSGF neighborhood planning would be in addition to the consultants at Multistudio. Steve Childers, Director of Planning and Development, responded there had been meetings to discuss, and they were developing a scope of work. He expressed his belief the work would need to be subcontracted. Councilmember Hosmer asked if this was a corridor study for a specific corridor. Mr. Childers responded it was for the Sunshine Street corridor from Glenstone to a point west. He added the study would have to be under contract by the end of the year.

Councilmember Horton asked if the allocation for the specific scope of work was for the Sunshine corridor. Mr. Childers responded affirmatively. Councilmember Horton noted an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds requested for neighborhood planning. She added there would be an upcoming Kearney Street corridor update on August 27. Councilmember Horton expressed her interest in the scope of work for continued neighborhood planning for neighborhoods with high need. Mr. Childers responded this would be a great opportunity to listen to neighborhood comments. He added the department would get an update from the Neighborhood Division.

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

13.10. Council Bill 2024-139 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$100,000 from Greene County for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in implementing and operating the Family Connects Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$100,000 to appropriate the funds.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the proposed would allow acceptance of \$100,000 in ARPA funds for use in implementing and operating the Family Connects program. Ms. Towns further noted approximately 100 families have been reached through the program to date, and they received approximately 200 referrals.

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

13.11. Council Bill 2024-140 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget regarding the Human Resources Department in order to adjust the authorized full time equivalent positions of Human Resources Assistant from 1.5 positions to 2 positions.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow change of a .5 Full Time Employee (FTE) position to a 1.0 FTE. She added the position was currently vacant due to the retirement of an employee.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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 City Manager recommends the following appointments to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Allen Brashears and Edward Baxter with terms to expire December 1, 2025. Recommended.

15.3. The City Manager recommends the following appointments to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Jeff Crouch, Bryant Garrison, and John Boddie with terms to expire December 1, 2026. Recommended.

15.4. The City Manager recommends the following reappointment to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Yankton Sothorn with term to expire December 1, 2027. Recommended.

15.5. The City Manager recommends the following reappointments to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Lonney Smith and Chris Straw with terms to expire December 1, 2025. 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. Confirm the following reappointments to the Springfield - Greene County Park Board: Susan Turner and Mark McNay with terms to expire June 1, 2027. Confirmed.
- 20.2. Confirm the following appointment to the Springfield - Greene County Park Board: Dale Moore with term to expire June 1, 2027. Confirmed.
- 20.3. Confirm the following appointment to the Board of Equalization: Trish Hubbell with term to expire April 1, 2025. Confirmed.
- 20.4. Confirm the following reappointments to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Zipporah Burns and Beth (Mary) Nichols with terms to expire May 1, 2027. Confirmed.
- 20.5. Confirm the following reappointments to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Charles Cowherd, Duane Keys, and Ray Lampert with terms to expire May 1, 2027. Confirmed.
- 20.6. Confirm the following appointment to the Landmarks Board: Nichole Falconer with term to expire November 1, 2024. Confirmed.
- 20.7. Confirm the following reappointment to the Personnel Board: Russell Rowe with term to expire March 1, 2027. Confirmed.
- 20.8. Confirm the following reappointments to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: Justin Setser and Charles Munsey with terms to expire April 30, 2027. Confirmed.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Horton seconded the motion, and it passed 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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