



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

October 21, 2024

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

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

*Councilmember Hosmer attended via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. October 7, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to approve the October 7, 2024, City Council meeting minutes as presented. 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 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 McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, 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 representatives from Milliman, Inc., the financial firm hired to perform an actuarial valuation of the City of Springfield's Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System, provided an update to the Police-Fire Pension Board on Thursday, October 10. He added the preliminary funded status indicated the self-funded pension plan was currently at a 94.8% funded level, up from a low of 34% in 2009. The funded status was one of many metrics used to show trends and develop future expectations about the health of a retirement plan.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield Fire Department would host a graduation for the most recent academy at 6:00 p.m. on October 24. The ceremony would take place at the Springfield Art Museum.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield Art Museum renovation project was awarded the American Institute of Architects AIA awards by both AIA Springfield and AIA Kansas. The team included City staff, BNIM Architecture, and N Form Architecture.

Mr. Gage noted Traffic Engineer Brett Foster represented the City of Springfield in speaking at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Transportation Engineers. Mr. Foster spoke on the City's award-winning pedestrian safety programs SGF Yields and Safe Across.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield Police Department, in partnership with local faith communities, and the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Have Faith Initiative, hosted Stand Together Springfield on October 11. He added Stand Together Springfield was intended to be inclusive of many faith traditions to foster bridge building and community connections.

Mr. Gage noted approximately 600 area high school students attended the second annual I-Create Manufacturing Career Day and Industry Showcase on October 17, on the campus of Ozarks Technical Community College. He added more than a dozen manufacturers engaged students in activities related to manufacturing. Mr. Gage further noted I-Create was a collaborative effort between the Missouri Association of Manufacturers, Ozarks Technical Community College, the City of Springfield/Missouri Job Center, and the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Horton noted the Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds had a significant green infrastructure project from the Environmental Services Department that was featured. She added the Ozark Empire Fair was a significant community asset that attracts visitors and locals. Councilmember Horton further noted there was a significant improvement to the General Aviation terminal at the Airport, which was also located in Zone 1.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Gage for extending an invitation to the public for the Renew Jordan Creek project. He expressed his belief the project would bring a renaissance for downtown. Councilmember Jenson added staff did an excellent job in sharing information and making it clear they desired to be responsive to any concerns.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. Except Item 6.6. Citizens May Speak To The Amendment Only. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2024-205 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.2 acres of property generally located at 1719 East Atlantic Street from R-TH, Residential Townhouse District to RI, Restricted Industrial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Skyline Investment Company, LLC c/o Chris Nattinger; 1719 East Atlantic Street; Z-23-2024).

Ordinance 6883. Council Bill 2024-205 (McGull) 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.

6.2. Council Bill 2024-206 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 4.6 acres of property generally located at 2533 North Fort Avenue from R-SF, Single-family Residential District to R-LD, Low-density Multi-family Residential District with Conditional Overlay District No. 252; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Suresh Chiluveru; 2533 North Fort Avenue; Z-12-2024).

Ordinance 6884. Council Bill 2024-206 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2024-207 (Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.4 acres of property generally located at 737, 745, 751, 761, and 801 North Broadway Avenue and 732 and 742 North Weaver Avenue from R-TH, Residential Townhouse District to Planned Development No. 389; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Drew Lewis Foundation; 737, 745, 751, 761, and 801 North Broadway Avenue and 732 and 742 North Weaver Avenue; Planned Development No. 389).

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted the sponsorship of the bill was changed. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson agreed to assume sponsorship in consideration of Councilmember Horton's recusal.

Councilmember Horton recused herself from Council Bill 2024-207 and left the dais.

Ordinance 6885. Council Bill 2024-207 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Horton returned to the dais.

6.4. Council Bill 2024-208 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.22 acres of property generally located at 1055 South Campbell Avenue from R-HD, High-Density Multi-family Residential District to O-1, Office District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Family Tax Service LLC; 1055 South Campbell Avenue; Z-16-2024).

Ordinance 6886. Council Bill 2024-208 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2024-209 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.1 acres of property generally located at 1403, 1407, 1413, 1417, and 1423 North Beverly Avenue, as well as the unaddressed property to the north at approximately 1428 North Beverly Avenue, from HM, Heavy Manufacturing District to R-TH, Residential Townhouse District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Amax Properties, LLC; 1403, 1407, 1413, 1417, and 1423 North Beverly Avenue; Z-15-2024).

Ordinance 6887. Council Bill 2024-209 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Amended Council Bill 2024-200 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 2.6 acres of property generally located at 1739, 1745, and 1755 South National Avenue; 1138 East University Street; and 1111, 1119, 1133, and 1141 East Sunshine Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District to GR, General Retail District and establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 258, and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map (By: BK&M, LLC; 1739, 1745, and 1755 South National Avenue; 1138 East University Street; and 1111, 1119, 1133, and 1141 East Sunshine Street; Z-22-2024 w/ Conditional Overlay District No. 258).

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found it to be sufficient at 44 percent. She added a copy of the supplemental explanation sheet was provided to City Council and a supermajority, or 6 votes, was required for passage.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson recused himself from Amended Council Bill 2024-200 and left the dais.

Mayor McClure noted an amendment was adopted and public comment was taken at the October 7, 2024, City Council meeting. He added the public hearing was continued on the amendment only.

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

Ms. Cotter noted there were eight speakers and in alignment with City Council's policy, each speaker would be allotted three minutes to speak.

Chris Wynn, Civil Engineer representing the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Wynn noted the amendment was proposed to address concerns from the neighborhood. He added the requests of the traffic department and the neighborhood were considered so the property could be developed in a way that would be beneficial to the City of Springfield.

Donna Hemann spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Hemann expressed her belief there were not major differences in the amended bill that would be any less damaging to the neighborhood or the City. She added what was seen was the continued prohibition of private or public parks, which would be an outstanding use of the property in her opinion.

Glenn Green, an attorney representing his parents, spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Green noted there was not anything in the amendment that would address any of his previous concerns. He expressed his belief the amendment should be voted down.

Evelyn Mangan spoke in support of the proposed with qualifications. Ms. Mangan expressed her agreement that the amendment was poorly drafted with enforceability issues. Ms. Mangan expressed her belief the amendment was better than nothing, and urged its adoption, although not necessarily the final proposal. She encouraged City Council to send the matter back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Mangan expressed her belief equal consideration should be given to the developer and the neighborhood.

Maggie Castrey spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Castrey expressed her belief the amendment did nothing to address frequently stated concerns of the neighborhood.

Holly Acharya spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Acharya expressed her belief the zoning change would be too intensive for the neighborhood and would not fit with the designated placetype of the Comprehensive Plan. She further expressed her belief the amendment did not do enough to make the neighbors feel secure about the development.

Jeff Carney spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Carney expressed his belief the amendment did not alter anything concerning the rezoning.

Barbara Susan Robinson spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Robinson noted there were 16 households that signed protest petitions in opposition to the proposed. She added there were hundreds of pages of letters in opposition. Ms. Robinson expressed her belief the amendment did nothing to change her objections.

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

Councilmember Horton thanked the speakers. She noted the Comprehensive Plan had been in place for two years and expressed her belief it was reasonable to expect applications to conform. Councilmember Horton further expressed her belief the application did not seem to conform as the map showed the area as a traditional placetype. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the appropriate first step would be to offer suggested changes to the placetype during a corridor study period to allow for thoughtful planning and explanation with public feedback. Councilmember Horton noted her opposition would not be to the developer, but the proposal.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief it was the responsibility of City Council to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. He further expressed his belief increasing density of commercial development had to be done thoughtfully and in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan, while supporting private interests and neighborhoods. Councilmember Jenson noted the importance of preserving the visual integrity of the corridor. Councilmember Jenson further noted the importance of civility.

Councilmember Hardinger expressed her opposition to the proposed. She expressed her belief there were flaws in the process and her vote was not against the developer or a statement that nothing commercial should be developed on that corner, but a vote against the bill. Councilmember Hardinger further expressed her belief that everyone was committed to making Springfield a better place to do business, and expressed her hope they could move forward with a clear vision.

Councilmember McGull acknowledged the process had been difficult. He cited Article One, Section Two, from the Missouri Constitution and noted constitutional government was intended to promote the general welfare of the people. He added it went further to add the enjoyment and gains of their own industry. Councilmember McGull noted the land for the proposed was purchased and given value by an individual. He further noted the importance of compromise to make both neighbors and developers happy, and expressed his belief it was important not to discourage development.

Amended Council Bill 2024-200 (Lee) failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Lee, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Hardinger. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson. Abstain: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson returned to the dais.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2024-210 (Carroll)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding from the United States Department of Energy to partially fund the replacement of existing windows as part of the Historic City Hall Rehabilitation project.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the energy efficiency block grant from the United States Department of Energy would help with improvements to the windows at Historic City Hall. He further noted the grant would cover approximately one-third of the costs to make the windows more energy efficient.

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

Councilmember McGull asked how the remainder of the cost was covered. Mr. Smith responded the grant would cover approximately one-third, and the remainder would come from utilizing funding already identified for Historic City Hall.

Resolution 10785. Council Bill 2024-210 (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.

7.2. Council Bill 2024-211 (Simpson)

A resolution declaring it necessary to construct sanitary sewers in Sanitary Sewer District No. 217 of Section No. 15 in the City, located in the general vicinity of Bagnell Street and Biloxi Avenue; providing for payment therefore in the amount of \$1,133,944.50; and providing for publications and notices.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted City Council had been committed to providing sewer services to unsewered areas of the City. He further noted extending the sewer system was essential for protecting public health and water quality. Mr. Kemper added more than 99 percent of the City had been sewerred. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would bring sewer access to 26 properties and eliminate 19 septic tanks near Bagnall and Biloxi. He further noted the request was from the neighborhood and the district was established in 2019. He added JD Wallace Contracting, LLC, was the lowest bidder with a bid of approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would declare the construction of the district to be necessary, state the intentions of the City to pay for all or part of the improvements from the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to the State Constitution, and specify costs related to construction to be assessed against properties in the district and establish the method which costs would be apportioned. This would be based on the land area of each tract within the district. The proposed would also set forth the manner of payment for the assessments, which would be collected over a period not to exceed 15 years. He added notices were provided to property owners and occupants. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed began the public input process. He added there were several assistance programs available, including a cap on assessments of \$8,300.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed would impact approximately 26 properties and eliminate 19 septic tanks, with none of those currently connected to sewer. Mr. Kemper responded affirmatively. Mayor McClure noted if passed, the proposed would declare it necessary to construct sanitary sewers in the district. Mr. Kemper responded the Council Bill was procedural to begin the public outreach period. He added the neighborhood initiated the request prior to 2019, and the district boundary line was drawn in 2019.

Mr. Gage asked if the cap on assessments would apply to all parcels. Mr. Kemper responded it would apply to single-family residential and the full assessment would be required if the use of the property was changed.

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

Resolution 10786. Council Bill 2024-211 (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.

7.3. Council Bill 2024-212 (McGull)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 711 East Delmar Street, for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed was a short-term rental appeal for the property at 711 East Delmar Street. He added a neighborhood meeting was held and the applicant obtained 25 percent of signatures for the appeal. Mr. Neal noted 55 percent or more signatures of property owners within 500 feet were needed. Mr. Neal further noted no protest petitions were received.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Dixie Decker, a representative of the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Decker noted three of the four neighbors had consented verbally by email. She expressed her belief the neighbors were excited to have an Airbnb in the neighborhood, other than college students.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief Ms. Decker had done her due diligence and gained neighborhood support. He asked if the property was rehabilitated or new. Ms. Decker responded the home was not able to be rehabilitated due to foundation issues, so the home was rebuilt. Ms. Decker added she personally responded to guests. She noted the home was listed for sale and after sitting on the market for over 90 days, they decided to list as a short-term rental.

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

Resolution 10787. Council Bill 2024-212 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, and Mayor McClure. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7.4. Council Bill 2024-213 (McGull)

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 permit for the property generally located at 1757 South Kentwood Avenue, for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted the proposed would allow a short-term rental type 2 permit for the property located at 1757 South Kentwood Avenue. He further noted there was a neighborhood meeting with two attendees. Mr. Neal added the applicant obtained one valid signature. He noted there were only two properties that could contribute. Councilmember Lee asked if either of the short-term rentals on the agenda would have been allowed under upcoming proposed new regulations. Mr. Neal responded they most likely would not.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Cameron Casad, an attorney representing Loomis Properties, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Casad noted one of the adjacent properties was commercial and the other was the Loomis Insurance Agency. He further noted the owners did their due diligence in attempting to obtain the other necessary signature.

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

Resolution 10788. Council Bill 2024-213 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, and Mayor McClure. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2024-214 (Horton)

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 26654 to add to, and redefine, the boundaries of Sanitary Sewer District Number 241 of Section Number 6 of the main sewers of the City of Springfield located in the general vicinity of Robberson Avenue and Talmage Street; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies as a one-reading bill under Charter Section 10.15.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would redefine the boundary of the sewer district located near Kearney Street and Robberson Avenue. He further noted the sewer district consisted of seven properties. Mr. Kemper added plans were completed in 2015 and the project was advertised for construction in November 2020. He added one bid was received which was high, and the Environmental Services Department chose to reconsider the scope of the project. Mr. Kemper noted it was determined the district could be expanded to include most of the area between Talmage and Kearney Street. He added the expanded district included 18 properties and needed one additional sewer line. He further noted informational mailings were sent to the property owners on October 14, 2024.

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

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

Ordinance 28055. Council Bill 2024-214 (Horton) was approved by the following vote:

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

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings. Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2024-215 (Horton)

A special ordinance to establish and define Sanitary Sewer District No. 222 of Section No. 16 of the main sewers of the City of Springfield, Missouri, located in the general vicinity of Miller Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street; authorizing acquisition of necessary right-of-way, including condemnation thereof, in accordance with the laws of the state; adopting the plans and specifications for the project; providing for the improvement; and authorizing the city manager to advertise for sealed bids therefor, according to the plans and specifications, by publication.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would make sewer available to 46 tracks and eliminate 43 septic systems within the city limits in the vicinity of Mount Vernon Street and Miller Avenue. He further noted the proposed would establish and define the district boundaries, and would adopt preliminary plans, specifications, and a sealed estimate. Mr. Kemper added the proposed would also authorize proceeding with acquisition of necessary rights-of-way and authorize the advertisement for construction of bids. He noted once bids were received, there would be additional Council Bills to come forward. He added informational mailings were sent to the property owners and occupants on September 23.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2024-216 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development to accept \$3,500,000 of state General Revenue Funds appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly to support maintenance and improvements to Hammons Field; and amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to appropriate funds for maintenance and improvements to Hammons Field.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed would allow acceptance of \$3.5 million that was appropriated by General Assembly House Bill 7.023 and amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for maintenance and improvements of Hammons Field. Mr. Holtmann further noted \$2.4 million would be for press level renovations, \$80,000 for stadium audio replacement, \$400,000 being contributed by the Springfield Cardinals Capital maintenance fund, \$110,000 for roofing repairs, \$500,000 for masonry repairs and ceiling, \$100,000 for steel cleaning and recoating, \$50,000 for structural steel repairs, \$155,000 to replace aging HVAC units, and \$100,000 for miscellaneous repairs.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2024-217 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the "Salary Ordinance," to add a provision for a shift differential for certain employees working in the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department; and by adding the new job title of Health Support Services Supervisor and salary grade of PAT-6 to the Classifications of the Professional, Administrative and Technical Schedule.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would add a provision for a shift differential for certain 911 employees and add a new job title for the Health Department. Ms. Morrison further noted the 911 shift differential would be used to ensure continuity of staffing between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to address busy times for 911 calls. Ms. Morrison noted the special shift

would overlap first and third shift. She added the recommendation for the special shift differential was \$3 per hour.

Ms. Morrison noted the Health Department desired to restructure to better meet operational needs. She further noted part of the restructuring included the elimination of two full-time positions to be replaced by open full-time Support Services Supervisor position. Ms. Morrison added no budget adjustment was necessary for 911, and the Health Department would use salary savings for their recommended change.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for making 911 positions more attractive. He asked for an update on his previous request at looking at opportunities to streamline the administrative process if they didn't involve budget adjustments or approved full-time employee levels. Ms. Morrison responded they had been working with the Law Department and management on how the changes could be brought forward.

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

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15.1. Tim Havens wishes to address City Council. Withdrew.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

16.1. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Taylor Williams with term to expire May 1, 2027. Recommended.

16.2. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board: Nancy Williams with term to expire October 1, 2026. Recommended.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2024-218 (Hosmer)

A resolution acknowledging the reappointment of Todd Wojciechowski to the Tax Increment Financing Advisory Commission made by the Republic R-3 School District

Resolution 10789. Council Bill 2024-218 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

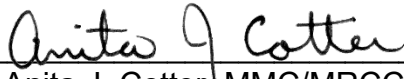
21. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. 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.

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MRCC City Clerk