



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council Meeting

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

March 10, 2025

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 Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer*.

*Councilmember Hosmer arrived at 7:25 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. February 10, 2025, City Council Meeting, February 11, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, February 20, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, February 24, 2025, City Council Meeting, and February 28, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, City Council Meeting, February 11, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, February 20, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, February 24, 2025, City Council Meeting, and February 28, 2025, Special City Council Meeting as presented. 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: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. 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 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: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, noted the City would host a public outdoor groundbreaking ceremony for the Renew Jordan Creek project at 2:00 p.m. on March 14 at the project site. Renew Jordan Creek was a transformative project to restore the historic Jordan Creek as it flows through the heart of downtown Springfield. The project's primary objectives were to reduce flood damage to property and infrastructure from recurrent flooding, renew the area of downtown for enhanced economic development, and improve water quality in Jordan Creek.

Mr. Quigley noted the Clean Green Springfield initiative was celebrating five years of community cleanups and connectedness. He added what began as a community litter and beautification initiative in 2021 continued this spring with a series of city-wide cleanup activities focused around the months of April and May. Mr. Quigley further noted the initiative would kick off on St. Patrick's Day Monday, March 17 with an announcement by the Mayor during the first volunteer opportunity of the season, C-Street Mulch Madness, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Quigley noted the Springfield Police Department would begin enforcement on March 26 of City Ordinance 6913, allowing officers to tow vehicles displaying missing, invalid, or expired plates and registration tabs. He further noted, although the ordinance was currently in effect, the City of Springfield was offering a 30-day public education period to raise awareness about the new requirements. During this time, residents were encouraged to ensure their vehicle registrations were up to date.

Mayor McClure noted the upcoming Jordan Creek celebration served two purposes: as an amenity and to help with stormwater.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-037 (Simpson, Hardinger, Horton, Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services as provided in the Springfield City Code Section 2-425, by making such adjustments as provided in the attached "Evaluation of Charges for Municipal Services"; and adopting new fees for certain City Services.

Ordinance 6914. Council Bill 2025-037 (Simpson, Hardinger, Horton, Jenson) 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: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-038 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in the amount of \$782,150, to appropriate unused funds originally budgeted for Police Department salaries to address unfunded Police Department equipment needs.

Ordinance 28112. Council Bill 2025-038 (Hosmer) 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: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-041 (Hosmer)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funds from the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program, and Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program.

Ericka Schmeeckle, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Schmeeckle noted the department requested permission to apply for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program grant Project Bravo for the amount of up to \$500,000. She further noted the program would address the critical service gap for homeless or at-risk veterans in the area. Ms. Schmeeckle added Project Bravo would provide comprehensive employment services to 17 veterans annually through personalized case management skills training, job placement, and barrier removal, utilizing the current infrastructure at the Ozark Region Job Center, and partnerships within the community. She noted the initiative would create sustainable employment pathways and long-term self-sufficiency for veterans.

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

Resolution 10815. Council Bill 2025-041 (Hosmer) 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: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-042 (Lee)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for up to \$4,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's Pathway Home 6 grant program to provide eligible incarcerated individuals in state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services both prior to and after release.

Ericka Schmeeckle, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Schmeeckle noted the department requested permission to apply for a Department of Labor Pathway Home Six Grant in the amount of up to \$4 million. She further noted the grant would fund a program aimed at providing crucial workforce services to justice involved individuals both pre- and post-release to facilitate successful reentry into the community and reduce recidivism. Ms. Schmeeckle added the program would focus on skills-based employment and seamless transition, eliminating the gap between release and enrollment, and workforce development programs. She added the grant had served over 400 individuals in the area and maintained a low recidivism rate of 9.8 percent as compared to the State rate of over 40 percent.

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

Councilmember Horton noted returning citizens were another essential demographic of the City's hidden workforce. She added City staff tended to exhibit a high degree of cultural competence related to labor engagement with underserved populations in the community. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief that services that occurred prior to an individual being released from the penal system were best practice.

Resolution 28113. Council Bill 2025-042 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2025-043 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation in the amount of \$61,967; amending the budget for the Police Department in the amount of \$61,967; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted the grant would provide training and equipment for traffic officers to conduct inspections of drivers and vehicles and enhance traffic enforcement on commercial motor vehicles. He further noted this could decrease crashes involving commercial vehicles.

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

Ordinance 28113. Council Bill 2025-043 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2025-044 (Horton)

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 429.04 acres of City-owned property generally located at 3825 West Farm Road 146; 1103 and 1108 South Icicle Lane; 1210 South Farm Road 123; 3521 North Farm Road 115; 5703 West Farm Road 104; property north of the 5500 through 5800 blocks of West Farm Road 104; the n/s 5900 block of West Farm Road 104; 3007 South Kauffman Road; 2815 South State Highway FF; the s/s 4400 block of West Brookline Road; and portions of right-of-way for Farm Road 104 and Farm Road 115 into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-1-2025.

Alana Owen, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Owen noted the proposed would allow annexation of approximately 429 acres of City-owned property into the city. Ms. Owen further noted there were three areas on the western edge of town to be annexed. She added the areas were some of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant buffer properties, Rutledge Wilson Farm, and an area just north of the Springfield-Branson National Airport. Ms. Owen noted the annexation was in line with the recommendations of Forward SGF. She added the properties were within the urban service area and were compact and contiguous.

Councilmember Jenson asked if there had been any discussions regarding a master plan for the Rutledge Wilson Farm property. Ms. Owen responded the proposed would annex the park into the City, and she was not aware of any other plans.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2025-045 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, "Land Development Code," by deleting Article I, "Administration and Enforcement of Codes," Article IV, "Building Trades Examination and Certification Board," Article V, "Building Code," Article VI, "Electrical Code," Article VII, "International Property Maintenance Code," Article VIII, "Plumbing Code," Article IX, "Mechanical Code," Article X, "Uniform Enforcement Procedures," Article XI, "Child Day Care," Article XII, "Preservation of Structures in Certain Areas of the City," Article XIII, "International Residential Code," Article XIV, "Fuel Gas Code," Article XV, "Private Sewage Disposal Code," Article XVI, "Existing Building Code," Article XVII, "Floodplain Management," Article XVIII, "Swimming Pool and Spa Code," and Article XIX, "2018 International Energy Conservation Code"; and enacting a new Chapter 38, "Building Development Codes," Article I, "Administration and Enforcement of Codes," Article II, "Building Trades examination and Certification Board," Article III, "Building Code," Article IV, "Electrical Code," Article V, "International Property Maintenance Code," Article VI, "Plumbing Code," Article VII, "Mechanical Code," Article VIII, "Uniform Enforcement Procedures," Article IX, "Child Day Care," Article X, "Preservation of Structures in Certain Areas of the City," Article XI, "International Residential Code," Article XII, "Fuel Gas Code," Article XIII, "Private Sewage Disposal Code," Article XIV, "Existing Building Code," Article XV, "Floodplain Management," Article XVI, "Swimming Pool and Spa Code," and Article XVII, "2018 International Energy Conservation Code."

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-045 and 2025-046 together. The summary for the two bills can be found under Council Bill 2025-046.

12.3. Council Bill 2025-046 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, "Land Development Code," by deleting Article II "Subdivision Regulations" and Article III "Zoning Regulations," and enacting a new Chapter 36, "Land Development Code," Article 1, "General Provisions," Article 2, "Procedures," Article 3, "Subdivision & Community Design," Article 4, "District & uses," Article 5, "Residential Development & Design," Article 6, "Nonresidential Development & Design," Article 7, "Access & Parking," Article 8, "Landscape & Site Design," Article 9, "Signs," Article 10, "Supplemental Districts & Standards," and Article 11, "Definitions," in lieu thereof.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-045 and 2025-046 together.

Steve Childers, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Childers noted one of the top ten priorities in the Comprehensive Plan was to update the Community Land Development Code, which was a regulatory document that specifically explained the rules, processes, and procedures for the use of land inside the city limits. Mr. Childers further noted the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously in support of the new code updates. Mr. Childers introduced Chris Brewster, a representative of Multistudio, to provide a report.

Mr. Brewster noted the code was dated 1995 and did not reflect Forward SGF or current best practices. Mr. Brewster further noted the main development policies were neighborhood revitalization, place-based development, infill and redevelopment, corridor redevelopment, connection to nature, and general planning for planned, sustainable, and responsible growth. Mr. Brewster added there were things in Forward SGF that were not a direct impact on the development code, but were some main themes such as neighborhood design, sense of place, walkable streets, and diverse housing types. Mr. Brewster noted the major point of the plan was quality of place. He further noted this informed most decisions or ideas that were considered in the update.

Mr. Brewster noted the first shift in the plan was to add more place types. He added the plan acknowledged street types and public space differently, taking design elements into consideration. Mr. Brewster further noted the plan would be more focused on use and more flexible and lenient with land uses with more specificity on form and design. Mr. Brewster added the process of developing the code included analyzing the code, plan, and development conditions. He further noted a development analysis was conducted, and the discussion phase was entered into in October 2023. Mr. Brewster noted stakeholder interviews were conducted which led to a drafting process. Strategic points included reorganization, simplification of procedures, flexible approach to uses, improving development and design standards, and providing flexibility within the reorganization.

Mr. Brewster noted the Zoning and Subdivision section was arranged in terms of chronological order and scale of development. He expressed his belief this was a logical framework. Mr. Brewster further noted the Building Code was separated from the Zoning and Subdivision sections. He further noted all Building Codes would reside in Chapter 38. He added the Planning and Development Department would be responsible for interpretation of Chapter 36, and Chapter 38 would be the responsibility of Building Development Services. Mr. Brewster noted having the procedures in one place allowed for efficiency and clarity through organization. Mr. Brewster noted the plan was more flexible to allow adaptability over time, and was more accepting to infill and rehabilitation, and adaptive use in certain areas.

Mr. Brewster noted the focus on Development and Design was on five main elements: street types, open and civic spaces, frontage types, and how lots and buildings engage with the street, and building types. Mr. Brewster further noted each district was analyzed, and it was determined where, and how different building types should mix. He added this accounted for much of the missing middle housing types. He added there were smaller interventions for accessory dwelling units or for allowing courtyard patterns. Mr. Brewster noted parking flexibility for optimal amount and landscape elements for connecting better with nature were included. He added a provision for a tree protection plan was included. Mr. Brewster further noted there were no significant substantive changes to signs. He added there was a method of raising the bar on the standard, with parameters on the degree which staff could deviate, with guardrails. Mr. Brewster noted the target effective date was January 2026.

Councilmember Horton asked if the Planning and Development Department would be responsible for Chapter 36, and Chapter 38 would be under the care of Building Development

Services. Mr. Brewster responded affirmatively. Councilmember Horton asked Mr. Brewster to address the value of the fiscal impact analysis. Mr. Brewster responded there were three main advantages to thinking about development in the way Forward SGF had. He noted these as some compact mixed-use areas yielded quite high returns on investment, prioritizing a return on underutilized investment such as creating new opportunities for housing, and the idea of investing in higher quality design with a longer-term investment. Mr. Brewster noted there was a deliverable coming at the end with a fiscal impact model which would give staff a tool to evaluate and track projects.

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the fiscal impact analysis was a key part of why this was being done. She added it would make things more streamlined and improve the processes. Councilmember Horton asked for examples of R, MX, 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Brewster responded RSF was the type of development which included detached single-family homes. He added there were options for accessory units added with lessened restrictions, and further noted there was an opportunity to arrange those single-family in different patterns. He further noted MX included a mix of residential types, such as townhomes and fourplexes. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief there was an assumption that nothing would change concerning public hearings and neighborhood meetings and asked for clarity. Mr. Brewster responded those were required by statute and would not change. He added they did want to set better expectations for neighborhood meetings as to why and when in the process so better information was exchanged up front.

Councilmember Horton noted she understood conditional use permits would end with the Planning and Zoning Commission, which meant there would not be an additional public hearing. Mr. Brewster responded they looked at streamlining the conditional use permit process as these were often highly site-specific issues, and this would prevent going through the same process twice.

Councilmember Jenson noted the separation of responsibility between the Planning and Development Department and Building Development Services would require Planning and Development staff to do inspections and engage in development review. He asked if staffing was able to handle the increase. Mr. Brewster responded no new standards were added. Mr. Childers noted the department was working on the budget request and some additional staff would most likely be needed for enforcement of certain guidelines. Councilmember Jenson asked the plan for rolling out neighborhood plans once the process was finished. Mr. Childers responded neighborhood plans were in process. He added the department reorganized and the Planning and Neighborhood Division was focusing more on what those neighborhoods needed.

Councilmember Jenson asked how City Council would be informed as both sets of Codes were applied. Mr. Childers responded the department was working on Text Amendment One that would consist of needed adjustments as a result of meetings with the development community and neighborhoods. He noted these could be brought to City Council through work sessions. Mr. Childers further noted they want to make sure the efficiency and effectiveness of the department could be improved. He added actual action and implementation would be key. Councilmember Jenson asked how land use mapping would be approached. Mr. Childers responded Community Rezoning would have to occur before full implementation of the Code. He added this was triggered by the rezoning map. He added Planning and Development staff was working with the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) to determine how to efficiently conduct neighborhood meetings. Mr. Childers further noted all property owners would need to be notified whether their property was rezoned or not.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jared Davis, a representative of the Growth and Development Advisory Committee, thanked all involved for their work. Mr. Davis expressed his belief it was important for developers and neighborhoods to work together to make Springfield a better place. He expressed appreciation for the open dialogue.

Richard Ollis, Board Chair of Restore SGF, expressed his support for the proposed. Mr. Ollis advocated for missing middle housing. He noted 150 building permits were issued last year for single-family housing. He further noted the housing study showed the city was 14,000 units short on housing. Mr. Ollis added with the current process in place it would take 92 years to satisfy the housing shortage. Mr. Ollis noted he was in support of the proposed and in support of Text Amendment One including the missing middle component.

Councilmember Lee expressed his concern about missing middle housing. He further expressed his belief the design-based approach led to significantly fewer houses being built in the city. He noted the ramifications of structures looking better added costs that raised rents. He expressed his belief the actual cost and price per unit should be considered. Mr. Ollis responded the Executive Director, Brendan Griesemer, would be happy to work with the City to develop common-sense regulations that were both efficient and effective.

Becky Volz, Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Council, expressed her support for missing middle housing. Ms. Volz expressed her concern for the wait time for text amendments to be completed and considered. She noted there was land available and ready for housing.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Ms. Volz for attending. He expressed his belief mapping exercises were of importance. Councilmember Jenson encouraged Ms. Volz to actively encourage neighborhood leaders to identify all areas where density could be tolerated. Ms. Volz responded they were currently working with the Planning and Neighborhoods Division to bring the maps to individual neighborhoods for review.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2025-047 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Eastgate Avenue Roadway Improvements – Division Street to LeCompte Road project; accepting the bid of Hartman and Company, Inc. for construction of the project in the amount of \$3,378,613.40; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed was a bid on the Eastgate project, which was an extension of Eastgate

from Division Street north, tying to LeCompte Road as part of a cost share agreement with the Erland Group. Mr. Smith further noted there were five bidders with a bid well under the engineer's estimate. He added the qualified bidder, Hartman and Company, had a bid of \$3,378,000, and the engineer's estimate was approximately \$4.8 million.

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

Ordinance 28114. Council Bill 2025-047 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-048 (McClure, Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 106, Traffic and Vehicles, Article V, Operation, Division 1, Generally, Section 106-190, Passing Other Vehicles Traveling in the Same Direction, for the purpose of prohibiting the practice of lane splitting or lane filtering by motorcycles, bicycles, and micromobility devices.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted the practice of lane splitting, where a motorcycle, bicycle, or micro-mobility device splits the line in traffic, would be illegal under the proposed.

Councilmember Jenson asked what the enforcement approach would be. Chief Williams responded the officer would need to observe the violation and could then make a traffic stop and issue a citation.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if this also applied to scooters. Chief Williams responded affirmatively.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-049 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$352,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the design of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Process Enhancements Project.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-049 and 2025-050 together. The summary of both Council Bills was entered under Council Bill 2025-050.

14.3. Council Bill 2025-050 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$990,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the design of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Centrifuge Replacement Project.

Allen Busick, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Busick noted both bills would approve a budget adjustment to amend fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Department of Environmental Services. He further noted each bill would allow engineering design on two projects located at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Busick noted the first project would appropriate \$352,000 for process enhancements at the plant to allow enhancements and improve treatment, plant efficiency, and promote resiliency of the treatment process. Mr. Busick further noted the second bill would appropriate \$990,000 for the engineering design to replace aging biosalts handling equipment. He added the replacement was needed to ensure continuity of operations at the plant.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Busick for a good job explaining the proposed.

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

14.4. Council Bill 2025-051 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$707,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the design of the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Foam Fractionation Project.

Brian Wirth, Superintendent of Clean Water Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Wirth noted the proposed would appropriate \$707,000 in retained earnings of the Clean Water Fund for the pilot testing and design of a foam Fractionation system to remove PFAS compounds from the City's landfill leachate. He further noted before leachate was sent to the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant, the City anticipated receiving an emerging contaminants grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to fund the foam Fractionation system, including the engineering. He added the grant would not be available until the procurement of equipment and construction. Mr. Wirth noted the proposed would allow the department to begin the project with pilot testing and design. He added the importance of the project was for the potential protection of community health. Mr. Wirth noted the PFAS chemical was a focus of regulatory activity and, although not currently under regulations, they anticipated this to change in the near future.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how trapped PFAS was handled. Mr. Wirth responded destruction technologies were not economically viable. Currently, PFAS was either stockpiled or put back into the landfill. He added removal from watersheds was step one.

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

14.5. Council Bill 2025-052 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the "Salary Ordinance," relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service as contained in the Classifications of the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non-Union Schedule by adding two new job titles; and the Classifications of the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Union Schedule by adding one new job title; and amending the

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of Parks to reallocate one Full-Time Equivalent position; and the budget of the Airport to add two new Full-Time Equivalent positions and to appropriate \$39,377.86 in funds for such Airport positions.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow the addition of two new job titles for the Airport, and one new job title for the Parks Department. Ms. Morrison further noted the Airport proposed the establishment of two new job titles to add to their IT infrastructure management. The two job titles were Airport Technology Manager and Inventory and Asset Accounting Technician. She added these would be accompanied by a budget adjustment. Ms. Morrison noted the job title addition for the Parks Department was a Field Conservationist position.

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

14.6. Council Bill 2025-053 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the General Manager of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri ("City Utilities") or designee, on behalf of City Utilities, to enter into a change order agreement with Forvis Mazars LLP, in the amount of \$100,000, to provide professional auditing services to City Utilities for fiscal year 2025.

Duane Fulk, City Utilities President/CEO, provided a brief overview. Mr. Fulk noted over the past four months in his new role, he had met with over 500 employees to discuss each other's jobs and how they measure success. Mr. Fulk further noted the top themes were stability, customer service, and community. He added the three proposed City Utilities Council Bills were in alignment with those themes. Mr. Fulk noted he was available for any questions regarding the City Utilities Council Bills.

Aaron Fortson, City Utilities Director of Financial Reporting and Comptroller, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Fortson noted the City Charter required City Utilities to undergo a complete audit on an annual basis. He further noted they were requesting City Council's authorization to enter into a one-year extension of the contract with Forvis Mazars for fiscal year 2025. Mr. Fortson added the extension would ensure continuity with the current auditors in the event they would need to perform any procedures for interim financial reporting.

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

14.7. Council Bill 2025-054 (Carroll)

A general ordinance adopting revisions to the City Utilities Service Rules and Regulations which provide for the terms and conditions by which customers accept service from City Utilities.

Drew Hilpert, City Utilities Interim Vice President/Chief Legal Officer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hilpert noted the service rules and regulations were one of a few policies that required both Board and City Council approval. Mr. Hilpert further noted there had not been a comprehensive review of the entire service rules for some time. He added City Utilities started a project to go through all policies to make updates, recommendations, and revisions. Mr. Hilpert noted the proposed was a result of this effort. Mr. Hilpert further noted the four

categories of changes were standard formatting, grammatical or term changes, removal of construction specifications, and new additions. He added none of the changes were substantially significant. Mr. Hilpert highlighted some changes. He noted City Utilities requested confidentiality of records. He further noted there was a change in Sunshine Law, and City Utilities thought it was best practice to add confidentiality to the service rules. Mr. Hilpert added trimming of vegetation for safety of utility lines was extended to include fiber. He noted an opt out provision was added for customers regarding non-marketing calls. Mr. Hilpert further noted a provision for money owed was added.

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

14.8. Council Bill 2025-055 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery by the City of Springfield, Missouri, of Public Utility Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2025; prescribing the form and details of said Public Utility Refunding Revenue Bonds and the covenants and agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect the payment and security thereof; 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.

Jeff Parkinson, City Utilities Director of Treasury, and Financial Planning and Analysis, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Parkinson noted the proposed would allow the City to issue, sell, and deliver Series 2025 Public Utility Refunding Bonds. He further noted the bonds were issued to construct the Southwest Power Station Unit Number Two in 2006. Mr. Parkinson noted \$615 million in bonds were issued in 2015. He added City Council approved refunding. Mr. Parkinson further noted refunding allowed reissue or issue of new bonds to replace the existing bonds. He added the outstanding amount today was \$363 million. Mr. Parkinson noted the current interest environment was favorable to allow saving due to lowering the total interest cost on the remaining 11 years of the bonds.

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

14.9. Council Bill 2025-056 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept Business Services grant funding from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development in the amount of \$80,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development in the amount of \$80,000.

Ericka Schmeeckle, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Schmeeckle noted the department requested approval to accept \$80,000 in Business Services Funds from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. She added the award was a non-competitive award given throughout the United States to enhance business services to local employers. Ms. Schmeeckle further noted the department would use the funds to increase services, identify skill gaps, and direct employers and jobseekers to workforce services such as on-the-job

training opportunities, incumbent worker services, and registered apprenticeships.

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

14.10. Council Bill 2025-057 (Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VI, "Finances," Division 4, "Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System," by amending Section 2-461(c) and enacting a new Section 2-485, "Permissive Service Credit."

Tony Kelley, Administrative Director of the Springfield Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Board, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kelley noted the proposed would allow the ability to buy service time for individuals who did not serve in the military or have prior Police or Fire employment. Mr. Kelley further noted Milliman conducted an analysis in December and determined the proposed had no impact on the fund. He added the cost was born by the participant to buy the time. He added the Board ultimately decided not to place a risk premium on the issue. Mr. Kelley noted there were approximately 63 members remaining on the plan.

Mayor McClure noted the LAGERS fund also experienced higher-than-expected increases while remaining a solid fund. Mr. Kelley responded affirmatively.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Kelley for his work. He noted it was timely to get ahead of the pay increases and this also helped reduce uncertainty. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted it provided an additional incentive to use the rehire program so individuals could purchase service time and still spend several years under LAGERS. He added this could help with retention challenges.

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

14.11. Council Bill 2025-058 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") for the purpose of accepting \$2,000,000 from BNSF for the purpose of raising the height of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge; and approving a budget adjustment amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,000,000 to appropriate said funds for this purpose.

Nicholas Edelman, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Edelman noted the proposed would allow the acceptance of \$2 million from BNSF for the purpose of raising the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge by approximately three feet.

Mayor McClure noted the City would be accepting \$2 million from BNSF and asked what the impact would be on the timeline. Mr. Edelman noted the project would be extended by approximately three months to change out the elevators.

Councilmember Horton asked about the \$225,000 allotted to the project. Mr. Smith noted this was previously budgeted for the project and would be covered under contingency funds.

Councilmember Lee thanked Mr. Edelman and expressed his belief it was a solid plan.

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

Mayor McClure noted City Council would vote on Council Bill 2025-058 at a Special City Council meeting on March 18, 2025.

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

16.1. 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.

16.2. Refer to the Plans and Policies Committee consideration of Updated Policies which address Utility Growth Areas surrounding the City of Springfield. Referred.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2025-059 (Horton)

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 Broadway Cottage Courtyard, generally located at 737, 745, 751, 761, and 801 North Broadway Avenue and 732 and 742 North Weaver Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: Drew Lewis Foundation, Inc.; 737, 745, 751, 761, and 801 North Broadway Avenue and 732 and 742 North Weaver Avenue; Preliminary Plat of Broadway Cottage Courtyard).

19.2. Council Bill 2025-060 (McGull)

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 Elevate Subdivision, generally located at 1103 East Smith Street, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: Elevate Investments Group, LLC; 1103 East Smith Street; Preliminary Plat of Elevate Subdivision).

19.3. Council Bill 2025-061 (McGull)

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 McClernon Springs 1st Addition, generally located at 3156 North National Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: Gerst Properties, LLC; 3156 North National Avenue; Preliminary Plat of McClernon Springs 1st Addition).

19.4. Council Bill 2025-062 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a donation in the amount of \$4,600 from Kingdom Krafters, LLC to purchase ballistic vests for police service canines.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

21.1. Council Bill 2025-039 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a License Agreement to Use Public Right-of-Way with Hickory Village 55 Plus, LLC, for the purpose of allowing an encroachment onto City rights-of-way for the maintenance of two existing stone monuments, under the same terms and conditions as encroachments are permitted on City rights-of-way under Chapter 98, Article VII of the Springfield City Code.

Ordinance 28115. Council Bill 2025-039 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hosmer. Abstain: None.

21.2. Confirm the following appointment to the Public Housing Authority: Karla Edwards with term to expire April 11, 2029. Confirmed.

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.