



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

April 7, 2025

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Jenson, and Mayor McClure. Absent: Councilmember Horton.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. March 25, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, March 26, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and April 1, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, March 26, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and April 1, 2025, Special City Council Meeting. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Mr. Quigley noted the Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District (CID) officially announced last week the launch of “Live From Downtown”, a free concert series on Park Central Square occurring most Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. from May through September. He further noted this was made possible through generous support by the Hatch Foundation and the Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission.

Mr. Quigley noted the Springfield Art Museum, supported by Guaranty Bank, would host a free concert, featuring the legendary music of Elton John and Billy Joel, at Phelps Grove Park on June 21. He added the Canadian pop band “Jeans and Classics”, would pair with the Springfield Symphony for a fun musical event.

Mr. Quigley noted congratulations were in order for the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement as the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Holiday Show, airing last year on KY3, was recently nominated for a Missouri Broadcasters’ Association Award. He further noted the awards ceremony would be May 31.

Kamy Kulow, City Clerk and Human Resources Director for the City of Aurora, presented Deputy City Clerk Julie Greer with an award. Ms. Kulow served on the Public Relations Committee of the Missouri City Clerk’s and Finance Officers Association. Ms. Kulow recognized Deputy City Clerk Julie Greer for achieving the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Ms. Kulow noted the certification required hours of education and experience. She further noted Ms. Greer had persevered in achieving the goal. Ms. Kulow thanked City Council for supporting Ms. Greer on working toward her certification. She noted this support showed they recognized the knowledge Ms. Greer received was of great benefit to City staff and citizens. Ms. Kulow further noted Ms. Greer served on the newsletter and audit committees at the State level. Ms. Kulow, on behalf of the Missouri City Clerks and Financier Officers Association and the Public Relations Committee, along with friends and peers in the Southwest Division, presented Ms. Greer with a certificate of appreciation.

Mayor McClure congratulated Ms. Greer on behalf of City Council and acknowledged the work Ms. Greer does and noted the honor was significant. Ms. Greer responded she was very appreciative of all the support. She acknowledged working with a great team and that she could not ask for a better mentor.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, acknowledged the week was National Public Health Week. She noted the history of public health included a time when life was not physically comfortable, and further noted individuals began to wonder how to change course. Ms. Towns noted she chose the field of Public Health for the hope. She further noted Public Health was a profession looked to solve problems by understanding the issue and looking for ways to solve the issue that were accessible to everyone. Ms. Towns added Public Health was born from traditional values and derived for a love of people. Ms. Towns noted it was a good measure to honor someone that emulated ideas worthy of celebration. Ms. Towns further noted the person they were celebrating this year embodied the qualities honored by public health and had been a dedicated servant his entire profession. Ms. Towns added he was focused on the people he served and was thoughtful, considerate, and compassionate while balancing his own thoughts with those whom he served.

Ms. Towns noted the Harold K. Bengsch Award was created in 2017 to honor leaders in the community that exemplify the attributes of Public Health. Ms. Towns noted it was her great honor to present Mayor Ken McClure with the 2025 Harold K. Bengsch Award for his dedication and contributions to Public Health. Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Towns and noted he was honored to be the recipient of the award. He further noted he had much respect for Harold K. Bengsch and the way he had served the community for so many decades. Mayor McClure expressed his belief public health was important, and how it became more important through 2020. Mayor McClure emphasized the importance of public health in the community.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-067 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept funding from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development's Missouri Strategies for Training and Apprentice Readiness grant in the amount of \$150,000, to be utilized for the creation and support of pre-apprenticeship programs; enter into necessary agreements to carry out the purpose of the grant funds; and amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development in the amount of \$150,000.

Ordinance 28129. Council Bill 2025-067 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-070 (Carroll)

A resolution approving the issuance of up to \$16,000,000 principal amount of multifamily housing revenue bonds by the Housing Authority of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of making a loan to Pinnacle on the Park L.P., a Missouri limited partnership, to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 142-unit multifamily housing project located at or about 525 South Campbell Avenue in the City of Springfield, Missouri, currently known as Stillwell Columns Apartments to be renamed Pinnacle on the Park.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the Housing Authority of the City of Springfield was seeking approval to issue up to \$16 million in multi-family housing revenue bonds. She further noted the bonds would fund the Pinnacle on the Park project for the acquisition and major rehabilitation of Stillwell Columns Apartments as part of the proposed action. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the City would assume no financial liability in the matter. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted Stillwell Columns was a 142-unit senior housing complex built in 1982 and was in need of critical repairs. She further noted the project would use the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rental Assistance Demonstration Program to provide long-term affordable and safe housing units for low-income tenants. She added Section 8 would be used and the Housing Authority would retain ownership of the land and lease the property back to Pinnacle on the Park for fifteen years. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed addressed the urgent need for quality affordable senior housing in the City, and the bond issue was one component that would be used. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the intent to issue bonds was declared on January 17, 2025, and a public hearing was held on January 29, 2025. She added financial responsibility would rest on the project's revenue stream and the Pinnacle on the Park developer.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Katie Anderson, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Springfield, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Anderson noted the proposed would allow for preservation of the property on Campbell Street. She further noted the proposed would allow the property to be viable for the community for the long term. Ms. Anderson recognized two of the Housing Authority Board Commissioners who were present: Rusty Worley, Chair, and Isabelle Jiminez Walker.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Ms. Anderson for her work addressing the housing crisis in the community. He expressed his appreciation for the focus on rehabilitation and preservation. He asked if the Housing Authority had considered expanding its portfolio and how was that balanced with the need to preserve existing units. Ms. Anderson responded there were plans for expansion in the fourth development phase, and they had begun strategic planning.

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

Resolution 10819. Council Bill 2025-070 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2025-071 (Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 25.2 acres of property generally located at 6116 South Farm Road 175 from County R-1, Suburban Residence to R-SF, Single-Family Residential District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tag Property Development LLC; 6116 South Farm Road 175; Z-2-2025).

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the applicant intended to build a residential subdivision. He added the property was annexed earlier in the year. He further noted the proposed would allow for Single-Family Residential, and the proposed was running concurrently with the preliminary plat of Hidden Gem Estates.

Councilmember Hosmer asked what the difference was between County Residential One and Single-Family Residential. Mr. Sparlin responded the districts were similar. He added the minimum square feet was 6,000, with no maximum on lot size.

Councilmember Jenson asked if there would be a water feature inside the gate area. Mr. Sparlin responded there were 18 lots, and he was not aware of plans for a water feature. Councilmember Jenson asked how gated access was allowed. Mr. Sparlin responded the public right-of-way would be dedicated during the platting process. However, the roads would remain private.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Dwayne Doran addressed City Council. Mr. Doran noted he was one of the ancestors of the many individuals in the cemetery lot. He further noted the family had been caring for the cemetery for a long time. Mr. Doran added the family wished to be treated respectfully as they visit the cemetery often.

Councilmember Jenson noted the cemetery was located in a common area and asked if there would be access to that area. Mr. Sparlin responded State statute required public access remain. He added a lot had been dedicated to the cemetery, and it was one of the lots for which public access would remain that would not be within the gated cul-de-sac road.

Councilmember Lee asked if the ownership would be a homeowner's association, or if it would be dedicated to Greene County. Mr. Sparlin responded common ownership was listed on the plat, and he believed that would be the homeowners' association.

Lee Doran noted his family homesteaded the area in 1831 and many relatives were buried in the cemetery. He noted there was a chain link fence in good shape that was torn down. Mr. Doran further noted they would like unlimited access to the cemetery for visitation and maintenance. He added they would like the fence to be replaced with a respectable fence. Mr. Childers asked who Mr. Doran had conversations with regarding the cemetery. Mr. Doran responded with the developer.

Councilmember Lee asked if having a gate was by definition blocking access. Mr. Quigley responded there were questions regarding access and maintenance. He noted conversations would be had with the developer, and the answers would be provided to City Council. Councilmember Lee asked Mr. Doran if they had issues with the subdivision. Mr. Doran responded they did not have an issue with the subdivision. He noted progress would happen, and they expected respect for the cemetery. Councilmember Lee asked if the developers discussed access to the cemetery with him. Mr. Doran responded he was told a gate code would be provided, and the family would be given access as the developer saw fit. Mr. Doran noted they maintained the property on a regular basis.

Councilmember Jenson asked if conditions could be put on the rezoning regarding the type of fencing materials allowed for a common area. Mr. Childers responded there was a process for that and noted the developer may be able to answer questions.

Councilmember McGull noted Chapter 214 in Missouri Law addressed whether someone should have access to a cemetery. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson added Chapter 214.132.

Glenn Doran addressed City Council. Mr. Doran expressed his belief common courtesy was overstepped with the cemetery. He noted Lee Doran had taken care of the cemetery for nearly 30 years. Mr. Doran expressed his support for the development but asked that the cemetery be respected. He added the developer should have reached out to the family about the fence and sign that were removed. Mr. Doran further noted there was an easement on the Evans Road side of the property that would be easily accessible.

Councilmember Lee asked Mr. Doran to show him where the easement was on the map. Mr. Doran pointed to the location on the map. He noted the easement existed and the .59 acres had been set aside for the cemetery. Mr. Doran expressed his belief the developer should have had better communication with the family. Mr. Doran noted the easement was previously put in when the roads were developed.

Lyndel Link, a representative of the developer, addressed City Council. Mr. Link noted the gates would be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven days a week. He further noted the fence around the cemetery was down in some spots from trees. Mr. Link added he was not aware if the fence was removed. Mr. Link noted the easement was a curb cut that was steep access. He further noted the developer wanted to give the family access to the cemetery on a nice road and the common area would be landscaped. Mr. Link added he was not sure what materials would be used to replace the fence.

Councilmember Lee asked if Mr. Link had communicated with the family. Mr. Link responded he had not. He added a mailer was sent out and a neighborhood meeting was held. Councilmember Lee expressed his support for the subdivision. However, he expressed his belief it would be beneficial for the developers to speak with the neighbors and the family. Councilmember Lee asked how the project would be affected if the proposed were postponed for two weeks. Mr. Link responded the developer would be delayed and was trying to turn the project as quickly as possible. Councilmember Lee noted his issue was that Mr. Link had not spoken with the family and it was possible the issue could be resolved.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted the family did not express objections to the proposed. He further noted there was an understandable desire for the family to have access to the cemetery, which was required by State law. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his belief having a conversation to make sure access to the cemetery was preserved, based on a new road, could give easier access. He added homeowners' associations could change the gate hours and asked in the conversations that some assurance was given as to what would be allowed. Mr. Link responded assurance of access was discussed at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, and added the family would have access to the cemetery at all times.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his agreement with Councilmember Lee and noted if a motion to postpone the proposed was made, he would second it to allow time for the developers to connect with the Doran family.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the developer would agree to access being drawn into the document. Mr. Link responded affirmatively regarding the gate hours and the type of fence that would be built around the cemetery. Councilmember Hosmer asked if that language could be put together in the next week. Mr. Link responded affirmatively. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief that if the type of fencing to be used and the gate access could be included in written form, this would clear up any issues without causing a delay. Mr. Link asked if there was a form that needed to be submitted to staff. Mr. Childers responded the items mentioned would be notes added to the preliminary plat to modify that plat. He added the preliminary plat was a separate Council Bill which was listed on the Consent Agenda for two readings that same evening. Councilmember Hosmer asked for clarification that the document would go with the property so if there were questions in the future, the document could be reviewed. Mr. Childers responded notes on the plat would be recorded with the plat. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief this would be better for everyone and would create certainty as to the access that would be granted.

Councilmember Lee noted he did not see a Conditional Overlay District (COD) that required certain times for the gate to be open. Mr. Childers responded there was no COD, and this was a straight rezoning. Councilmember Lee asked what would keep the development from closing the gate. Mr. Childers responded notes and conditions would be on the plat which was a recorded document. Councilmember Lee expressed his belief the developer needed to communicate with the family and consider another access point if the family requested. He further expressed his belief if the developer took down the fence around the cemetery, it should be replaced. Councilmember Lee noted he would like the option to move to postpone.

Mayor McClure asked Mr. Paul how this would work. Mr. Paul responded the current item, which was a rezoning, and the preliminary plat should stay together. Mayor McClure noted the current City Council had one-half of a meeting left after that evening, and asked how the proposed would be determined. Mr. Paul responded if postponed, the current City Council would not have the ability to complete the item. He added if the requested changes were not made prior to the next meeting, the proposed would be forwarded to the next City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted the best course of action was to establish a discussion to resolve the issues. He added if not resolved in two weeks, the items would be carried over to the next session. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the preliminary plat would be removed from the Consent Agenda so it would not be approved at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Quigley responded the preliminary plat would be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Lee expressed his belief work needed to be done to determine if there was an actual easement, and if not, the developers needed to work with the family to ensure access to the cemetery.

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

Mayor McClure asked that any additional information be provided to City Council ahead of the April 21, 2025, City Council meeting.

12.2. Council Bill 2025-072 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.45 acres of property generally located at 1320, 1324, and 1328 East Division Street from GR, General Retail District to R-TH, Residential Townhouse District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 268; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Rosales Holdings LLC; 1320, 1324, and 1328 East Division Street; Z-3-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 268).

Michael Sparlin, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Sparlin noted the proposed would allow rezoning to Residential Townhouse District and establish Conditional Overlay District 268. He added the applicant intended to build duplexes. Mr. Sparlin further noted the district would allow single-family homes or duplexes. Single-Family homes would require a minimum of 6,000 square feet of land area and duplexes would require 7,500 feet of land area. Mr. Sparlin noted a replant of lots would likely occur after zoning. He added the Comprehensive Plan encouraged use of "missing middle" housing. Mr. Sparlin further noted the property was within proximity to Smith Park and the Conditional Overlay District required construction to meet or comply with the City of Springfield Affordable Housing Design guidelines.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-074 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance accepting the bid of Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$23,786,515.39, for the construction of the Cell 3, 4, and 5 Project at the City of Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; and authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into a contract for said improvement.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-074, 2025-075, and 2025-076 together. The summary for the presentation may be found under Council Bill 2025-076.

14.2. Council Bill 2025-075 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$35,000,000 principal amount of Special Obligation Bonds (State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority – Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds), Series 2025 of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of expanding and improving the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the City in the amount of not to exceed \$35,000,000; prescribing the form and details of the bonds and the agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect their payment; and prescribing other related matters; and declaring an emergency.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-074, 2025-075, and 2025-076 together. The summary for the presentation may be found under Council Bill 2025-076.

14.3. Council Bill 2025-076 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Subsidy Escrow Agreement, by and among the City of Springfield, Missouri, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, and UMB Bank, N.A., as escrow agent, for the purpose of receiving the benefit of certain investment earnings in an amount not to exceed \$35 million in connection with the expansion and improvement of the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(3) of the City Charter.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-074, 2025-075, and 2025-076 together.

Erick Roberts, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roberts noted the proposed series of bills included a request to authorize issuance of special obligation bonds through the State Environmental Improvement Energy Resources Authority in an amount not to exceed \$35 million. Mr. Roberts further noted the proposed would execute an associated subsidy escrow agreement for the bonds to fund construction of the Noble Hill Landfill Cell 3,4, and 5 development project.

He added the financial partnership with the regulatory agency provided an attractive and effective bond rate to the City for energy and environmental-related projects. Mr. Roberts noted the funds would be used for the purpose of updating and expanding the landfill's waste disposal area. Mr. Roberts further noted the improvements had been anticipated for some time and were included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and were supported by the Solid Waste Division's long-term rate model. He added the scope included excavation and sub-grade preparation of a 22-acre construction of leachate system improvements, stormwater infrastructure and cover improvements, installation of five acres of closure, turf, rock crushing, and gradation and construction of approximately 12 acres of Subtitle D landfill liner.

Mr. Roberts noted the proposed would allow acceptance of the bid of Emory Sapp and Sons, Inc, in the amount of \$23,786,595.39. He added the additional funds appropriated by the ordinances would be used to perform auxiliary professional services required to install, certify, commission, and complete the permitting of the cells, and cover other miscellaneous and contingency items. Mr. Roberts further noted in addition to providing landfill disposal airspace for citizens in the region for the next seven to nine years, the project would also provide additional environmental benefits by improving leachate and stormwater management, landfill gas collection, and customer access to the landfill.

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

14.4. Council Bill 2025-077 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance adopting a new City of Springfield, Missouri Purchasing Policy governing the purchase and sale of property, supplies, materials, equipment and services for the city; and amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article VI "Finances," Division 2, "Purchasing," Section 2-401, "Purchasing manual adopted," to replace the existing Purchasing Manual with a new Purchasing Policy.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the current purchasing manual was created prior to 1996 and had only slight revisions since that time. He further noted the proposed purchasing manual identified processes and procedures that were no longer applicable or utilized and had been deleted. Mr. Holtmann added the proposed policy addressed current purchasing thresholds and updates for inflationary concerns that had occurred over an approximately 30-year period. Mr. Holtmann noted when adopted, the purchasing power of \$100 would cost well over \$200 currently. He added the annual CPI index was roughly 156.9 at the time of adoption and was currently 315.

Mr. Holtmann further noted the proposed would reset the current discretionary threshold from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to allow for greater flexibility and the cost of doing business. He added the proposed increase for informal thresholds would be from \$5,000 to \$25,000. For this, departments would still be asked to solicit price quotes to potential vendors and provide the same information required in the past. Mr. Holtmann noted the informal items handled by the Division of Purchasing threshold would be raised to include purchases from \$25,000 up to \$100,000. He further noted the formal threshold, which had a 30-day requirement of posting, would be raised to \$100,000.01 and up.

Mr. Holtmann noted research was conducted to compare purchasing thresholds for the City of Springfield in comparison to Kansas City, Missouri. He further noted the threshold increases would bring the City in line to slightly above the three smaller surveyed entities of Lawrence, Kansas, Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Overland Park, Kansas. Mr. Holtmann added the proposed was reviewed by staff, City Managers, and the leadership team, and an audit was performed by Forvis Mazars. Mr. Holtmann noted there was an exhibit contained in the proposed that outlined the specific changes from the old policy to the new policy.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Holtmann for his presentation. He noted one of the main concerns of contractors was the variance between the purchasing process and the larger departmental projects and their process for procurement. Councilmember Jenson asked if the changes to the purchasing manual would address the concern. Mr. Holtmann responded the new policy would shift the larger procurement to the Purchasing Department. He added they would still work with departments as they were subject-matter experts. Councilmember Jenson suggested communicating the changes to the Springfield Contractors Association to gather feedback. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief a more routine and standardized process would be well-received. Mr. Quigley noted the increased thresholds would allow more concentration on larger projects and free up the ability for large departments to utilize Purchasing.

Councilmember Hosmer asked what the process would be for a department to purchase a \$20,000 item. Mr. Holtmann responded the department would determine their needs and develop the specs for that item. He noted they would then solicit proposals or prices from various vendors. Councilmember Hosmer asked if local preference was incorporated into the new policy. Mr. Holtmann responded affirmatively and noted local preference would give added point value for using a City vendor if all other things were equal. Mr. Quigley noted no changes were suggested to that part of the policy. Councilmember Hosmer asked if the proposed would help the City buy more locally. Mr. Holtmann responded affirmatively when the local vendor provided a similar project, and it could increase the ability to move forward more quickly.

Mayor McClure commended Mr. Holtmann, his staff, and the City Manager's Office for their work on the proposed. He expressed his belief it was time for an update to improve efficiency.

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. Guy Mace wishes to address City Council.

Guy Mace addressed City Council regarding a business property tax issue. Mr. Mace noted he paid approximately \$15,000 in property taxes the previous year for his business. He further noted there were approximately 11,000 businesses in the area and he read that only 4,000 paid their taxes. Mr. Mace expressed his surprise to learn there was no mechanism in place to ensure taxes were being paid. Mr. Mace expressed his belief the issue should be addressed to ensure businesses were paying their taxes.

Councilmember Hosmer thanked Mr. Mace for attending and expressed his agreement that 60 percent of businesses in the City were not paying their personal property taxes.

15.2. Patrick Peltz wishes to address City Council.

Patrick Peltz addressed City Council regarding a noise complaint. Mr. Peltz noted he lived the the greater Parkcrest area, and noted there was an issue with noise disturbances from internal combustion engines. Mr. Peltz expressed his belief the decibel levels could be damaging to health. He asked for more enforcement of the Springfield City noise ordinances.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Peltz for attending. He recognized hearing this routinely and thanked Mr. Peltz for keeping the issue current. He expressed his belief the challenge was enforcement and noted he would continue to work on the issue.

15.3. Brian Paschal wishes to address City Council. Withdrew.

15.4. David Forrester wishes to address City Council.

David Forrester addressed City Council regarding a Police Department issue. Mr. Forrester noted a police officer was not paying attention in a construction area and nearly ran him off the road. Mr. Forrester further noted the area was a 55 mile-per-hour zone with the officer's car going 70 miles-per-hour. He expressed his belief all should follow the law.

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. The Interim City Manager recommends the following appointments to the Airport Board: Reverend Michael Overton and Rachel Munday, with terms to expire June 1, 2028. Recommended.

16.3. The Interim City Manager recommends the following reappointments to the Airport Board: William Hammitt and Juan Meraz, with terms to expire June 1, 2028. Recommended.

16.4. The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Public Housing Authority: Shelby Butler, with term to expire April 11, 2029. Recommended.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2025-078 (Simpson)

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 Hidden Gem Estates, generally located at 6116 South Farm Road 175, 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.

19.2. Council Bill 2025-079 (Horton)

A special ordinance relinquishing an electric line easement generally located at 400 West Division Street and 1475 North Campbell Avenue for the purpose of accommodating construction of the new Pipkin Middle School.

19.3. Council Bill 2025-080 (Horton)

A special ordinance relinquishing electric and phone easements located at 417 West Lynn Street for the purpose of accommodating construction of the new Pipkin Middle School.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

21.1. Council Bill 2025-069 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of certain real property owned by the City of Springfield, Missouri, commonly known as 2937 North Campbell Avenue, to R.A.L. Property Management, LLC, for the sum of \$20,000; authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed for said property; and authorizing the Mayor to accept a sanitary sewer easement.

Ordinance 28130. Council Bill 2025-069 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

21.2. Confirm the following reappointments to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Development: O'Brien Daniels, Brennan Pratt, and Mackenzey Teleki, with terms to expire May 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.3. Confirm the following reappointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Daniel Furtak, with term to expire May 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.4. Confirm the following reappointments to the Personnel Board: David Coonis and Amanda Cooper, with terms to expire March 1, 2028. Confirmed.

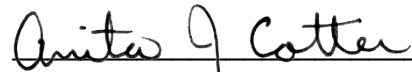
- 21.5. Confirm the following appointment to the Personnel Board: Jade Callaway, with term to expire March 1, 2028. Confirmed.
- 21.6. Confirm the following reappointments to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: Jonathan Winn and Ann Young, with terms to expire April 30, 2028. Confirmed.
- 21.7. Confirm the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Isabelle Jimenez Walker, 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 McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: Councilmember Horton. Abstain: None.

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk