



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Jeff Schrag, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers

Monica Horton, Zone 1
Abe McGull, Zone 2
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3
Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

Heather Hardinger, General A
Craig Hosmer, General B
Callie Carroll, General C
Derek Lee, General D

May 5, 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, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. April 21, 2025, City Council Meeting, April 22, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and April 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025, City Council Meeting, April 22, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and April 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Horton seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. 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 by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Mayor Schrag noted nominations would be taken from members of City Council. He further noted after all nominations were made, each candidate would be given an opportunity to speak in the order nominated, then any member of City Council would be given the opportunity to speak. He added candidates would then be voted on individually in the order they were nominated and a nominee had to receive five affirmative votes to be elected. Mayor Schrag noted each nominee would be voted on in the order they were nominated.

Councilmember Lee nominated Councilmember Heather Hardinger for Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Jenson nominated Councilmember Monica Horton for Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to cease nominations for the election of Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Hardinger thanked Councilmember Lee for the nomination and expressed her belief it was an honor to be nominated. She noted she had enjoyed serving on City Council, and her first ceremonial event gave her a deeper appreciation for the ways City Council could connect with and represent the community. Councilmember Hardinger noted she would approach the role of Mayor Pro Tem with professionalism, collaboration, and a commitment to supporting the Mayor and City Council.

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the City would be adequately served by anyone on City Council. She expressed her belief it would be an honor to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and noted she had the ability to serve in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare for all the City. Councilmember Horton noted she had previously presented proclamations on behalf of the previous Mayor on three occasions, had spoken on panels, and had served as Chair of the Public Involvement Committee.

Councilmember Horton further noted she had been endorsed by Unite Springfield and was a monthly speaker on behalf of the City for the Give Five Program. Councilmember Horton added if City Council were moving toward support for Councilmember Hardinger, she would also support that.

Councilmember Jenson noted both candidates would do a fantastic job, and he had seen them both lead the charge on critical issues. He expressed his belief there was need for a commitment to open and critical dialogue about serious issues, and a need for a member with technical knowledge in shepherding issues through the government system. He added Councilmember Horton's service spoke for itself. He noted she carried herself with composure and a ceremonial nature that would meet the requirements of the position. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief Councilmember Horton would be a good compliment to the Mayor.

The nomination to appoint Heather Hardinger as Mayor Pro Tempore was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Homser, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, and Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor Schrag thanked all and gave a special thanks to Councilmember Horton for her courteous speech and pledge.

6. SWEAR IN MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, administered the oath to Councilmember Hardinger.

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

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, noted the April 29 storm was one of the most destructive wind events in Springfield in recent memory. He added while no injuries or fatalities were reported during the storm, the impact to the City's infrastructure, urban canopy, and utility services was significant. Mr. Quigley further noted the prompt and coordinated response from City departments, City Utilities, and Greene County helped mitigate further risk and restore services as quickly as possible. He added the City would continue to focus on preparedness and infrastructure resilience, and public communication would be vital to strengthening Springfield against future severe weather events.

Mr. Quigley extended sincere gratitude to the dedicated City of Springfield staff whose swift, coordinated, and tireless efforts in response to the April 29, 2025, storm protected lives, restored essential services, and began the process of recovery. He added from the first moments of the storm's impact, employees across multiple departments and organizations—including 9-1-1 Emergency Communications, Office of Emergency Management, Public Works, Environmental Services, City Utilities, Parks, Police, Fire, and Public Information—demonstrated professionalism, teamwork, and resilience under pressure. He further noted their ability to mobilize quickly, prioritize critical needs, and communicate with the public was instrumental in minimizing harm and stabilizing the community. Mr. Quigley noted the recovery process remained ongoing, and the City

would continue to recognize and appreciate the hard work being carried out each day by crews clearing debris, restoring infrastructure, supporting impacted residents, and assessing long-term needs. He added their dedication reflected the best of public service and reinforced the strength of our City in times of adversity.

Mr. Quigley noted key response statistics included the following: 1,826 calls for services to 9-1-1; 70 storm-related traffic incidents reported to the Police Department; the Fire Department had 51 emergency calls in the first 12 hours; the Public Involvement and Civic Engagement Office had 668 service requests on Tuesday – Sunday, mainly for Public Works about downed trees in roadways and Public Works had 12 street operations crews and 6 arborist crews work around the clock to respond and remove debris blocking roadways. They deployed a team of 8 to construct improvements at the Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC) for an additional brush lot, and Public Works and Environmental Services staff continued to assist customers unloading their brush.

Mr. Quigley noted nearly 2,000 brush customers brought debris to the YRC since Saturday morning. He added the YRC typically would see approximately 250-275 brush customers on a spring Saturday.

Mr. Quigley noted there were over 1,200 downed trees reported across Springfield, including at least 300 in City parks; debris blocked more than 40 city streets and knocked out power to many vital traffic lights. Peak outages affected 50,000 City Utilities customers, and there was significant damage at the Airport, including corporate and airport hangars; and large amount of debris. He added the City was continuing to recover from the storms.

Mayor Schrag thanked City and City Utilities crews for their tremendous work. He also thanked partners in the County.

Councilmember Horton expressed her appreciation to Mr. Quigley, staff, and Public Works, Environmental Services, City Utilities, and Greene County for their work. She noted going car to car in the Convoy of Hope's car line was beneficial and gave her opportunity to gain feedback from those affected.

Councilmember McGull asked how much collaboration there was with City Utilities and if all power had been restored. Mr. Quigley responded the City was working with City Utilities from the beginning, and there were approximately 16 remaining without power.

8. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

8.1. Council Bill 2025-089 (Hardinger)

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

Ordinance 6926. Council Bill 2025-089 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8.2. Council Bill 2025-090 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Springfield, Missouri, commonly known as 2307 E Division St., to The Overland Group, LLC, for the sum of \$44,000; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed for said property.

Councilmember Horton asked the amount of the other two bids for the property. Mr. Quigley responded this was the highest of the three bids, and the estimated asking price was \$34,000. Councilmember Horton noted all bid amounts were normally shown and asked how the Land Bank could be used as a tool in the future to achieve some quality of place goals. She further noted viewing the quality of the other bids was of interest. Mr. Quigley responded the information could be provided and noted the piece of property could be commercial or residential. He added there was an adjacent property owner that acquired the property with the purpose of building a Dollar General. He further noted they evaluated on three criteria

Ordinance 28137. Council Bill 2025-090 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

9. RESOLUTIONS.

10. EMERGENCY BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2025-102 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to temporarily waive brush disposal fees at all city facilities due to the recent and catastrophic weather event of April 29, 2025, for the purpose of providing an efficient and accessible means of disposing of limbs and brush storm debris; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(1) of the City Charter.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted following the storm on April 29, 2025, the City received requests to waive brush and limb disposal fees. He further noted City Council set fees typically on a three-year cycle, and City Council action was needed to waive fees. He added the proposed would waive fees for brush and limb disposal for a period of up to 14 days in response to the storm.

Councilmember Hosmer noted in 2007, the City was able to help individuals by collecting brush street side. He asked if there were federal or state dollars that were utilized for that clean-up. Mr. Quigley responded the ice storm in 2007 was significant citywide and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement through a federal presidential disaster declaration allowed 75 percent reimbursement, with an additional 10 percent reimbursement from the State. He added it would not be known for a while if there would be an opportunity for federal designation. He added the City was working with volunteer agencies and organizations.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief an assessment could be done to determine if there would be federal or state dollars available. Mr. Quigley noted the Office of Emergency Management was looking into assisting individuals with difficulties and trying to address specific property owners.

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

Councilmember Jenson thanked City staff for listening to his requests and noted they did a remarkable job of launching this soon after the event. He thanked the Mayor for his assistance. Councilmember Jenson noted he spent Saturday assisting with storm cleanup and expressed it was his hope there would be a grassroots effort for cleanup. He expressed his belief there was something lacking. Councilman Jenson noted he was supportive of using rainy day funds to provide assistance to individuals in need due to the storm.

Ordinance 28138. Council Bill 2025-102 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

11. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

12. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2025-091 (Hosmer)

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

Brian Doubrava, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Doubrava noted the proposed would authorize the use of up to \$504,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds to reimburse up to 80 percent of the base-level salaries of the seven City employees at the Transportation Management Center (TMC). He added the wages and benefits of the employees came from the Transportation Fund. He added the City had successfully made use of the funds since 2008.

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

Ordinance 28139. Council Bill 2025-091 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

13. AMENDED BILLS.

14. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-092 (McGull)

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 48.06 acres of private property generally located at 3830 East Division Street and approximately 1.2 acres of North Farm Road 185 adjacent to said property into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-4-2025. (By: East Division Development LLC ETAL; 3830 E Division Street; A-4-2025).

Alana Owen, Principal Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Owen noted the proposed would allow annexation of approximately 48.06 acres of private property located at 3833 East Division Street, and 1.2 acres of North Farm Road 185. She further noted Cooper Estates subdivision was just to the west and the Springfield Underground was to the north. Ms. Owen added the annexation was at the request of the property owner. She noted the property was within the City's urban service area, and the Comprehensive Plan supported annexation of the property. Ms. Owen further noted a mixed residential development was planned for the property.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if there were other consent annexations contiguous to the property. Ms. Owen responded affirmatively for consent annexations. She noted the proposed was a voluntary annexation and adjacent properties would be reviewed. Ms. Owen noted if a property was surrounded, the owner would be contacted regarding annexation.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if the property would be mixed residential or mixed use and residential. Ms. Owen responded mixed residential. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if a fiscal analysis was done for the annexation. Ms. Owen responded a fiscal analysis was not conducted for the proposed property. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked where the 1.2 acres was located. Ms. Owen responded it was a portion of Farm Road 185 and was Greene County right of way. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission normally heard this type of annexation. Ms. Owen responded annexations did not go before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, Vice President of Olsson, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Haase noted the development would be residential. He added the neighbors at Cooper Estates were supportive of the development. He further noted there was a stream buffer and stream that flowed from Cooper's Pond toward Division Street.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-093 (Horton)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 481 for the purpose of permitting warehousing and storage facilities within a CC, Center City District, generally located at 1525 North Campbell Avenue. (By: The General Council of the Assemblies of God; 1525 N. Campbell Avenue; Conditional Use Permit No. 481).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed was a conditional use permit request for a warehousing and storage facility in the Center City District. He further noted the applicant proposed to close the driveway located on Division Street, and there would be need for a landscape or fence buffer. He added perimeter landscaping would need to be installed.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his belief the landscaping would add to the corner. Mr. Crighton noted the City Utilities bus facility was to the east of the property and was used as an example of what the site could look like.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, Vice President of Olsson, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Haase noted he represented the developer, The General Counsel of the Assemblies of God, and the project was a spinoff of the Pipkin School project. He further noted the developer was looking to redevelop a portion of the property and improve the building. He added the perimeter landscape was detailed.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2025-094 (Horton)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 480 for the purpose of permitting a transitional service shelter within an R-MD, medium-density multifamily residential district, generally located at 422 and 424 East Norton Road to expand operations to property located at 504 East Norton Road. (By: Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Foundation; 422, 424 & 504 E. Norton Road; Conditional Use Permit No. 480).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch applied to renew and expand the conditional use permit for their facility. He further noted they intended to install a drop-off box, and a buffer yard would be required along the east side of the property. Mr. Crighton added existing driveway access would be closed, and all access would be granted from the 424 East Norton side of the property.

Councilmember Horton asked when conditional use permits were expected to have final approval under the new code with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Childers responded the new code would be implemented at the beginning of the year and would be dependent on when City mapping was completed. Mr. Childers added neighborhood meetings to discuss the missing middle were starting at the end of May. Mr. Childers further noted evaluating projects under both the existing code and the new code had been helpful.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if there was a bulk plane requirement or any issues with the house adjacent to the property. Mr. Crighton responded the proposed complied with the bulk plane requirement and added the landscaping buffer was supposed to be 20 feet wide. Councilmember Jenson asked if any differences required under the new code could be conveyed. Mr. Childers responded information, possibly an addendum, could be provided.

Councilmember Jenson asked if lack of progress on the site was anticipated to continue to be an issue. Mr. Crighton responded they did not anticipate any issues.

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

14.4. Council Bill 2025-095 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Pinnacle on the Park Redevelopment Area, which is generally located at 525 South Campbell Avenue; declaring the area in such plan to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, and welfare; authorizing certain tax abatement within the plan area; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with the applicant relating to the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted City Council considered a resolution in April to approve the Housing Authority of Springfield to issue multi-family housing revenue bonds for the Pinnacle on the Park project. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the tax-exempt bonds were one component of the project coming to fruition. She added Pinnacle on the Park filed a blight report in the redevelopment plan, which included Stillwell Columns Apartments, housing for low-income tenants. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the apartments needed extensive rehabilitation to address a backlog of deferred maintenance needs. After completion, the apartments would continue to provide quality housing to low-income tenants through the Housing and Urban Development Section Eight Housing Choice voucher program.

Ms. Ohlensehlen noted Pinnacle on the Park would promote greater housing diversity and address the need to provide quality and attainable housing choices for individuals of all backgrounds and stages of life. She further noted the proposed would support the revitalization and overall vibrancy of downtown in the surrounding neighborhoods. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the redevelopment plan may qualify for partial real property tax abatement if it met the but for test. She noted the plan must demonstrate the proposed redevelopment would either not occur or not be financially feasible but for receiving the

abatement. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the area was currently tax-exempt, and the Greene County Assessor's Office indicated it would remain so upon completion of the rehabilitation. Therefore, no abatement of real property was anticipated. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted in this case the but for conditions were met because investors needed assurance that real property tax abatement would be available should the proposed be assessed as taxable real property in the future.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked what the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit compliance period was. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded it would provide affordable housing in perpetuity under that program.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the Housing Authority would regain ownership after fifteen years, if the Knight Group would manage the property for the fifteen-year period, and if it was tax-exempt. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded affirmatively and added the Housing Authority would continue to own the land, and the Knight Group would own the improvements.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Katie Anderson spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Anderson noted the redevelopment was phase two and the project was predominantly senior property of zero and one-bedroom units. She added the property had significant needs, and this was an opportunity to take advantage of the tax credit program, utilizing 4-percent bonds. Ms. Anderson noted the Housing Authority was participating in the management. She added the program had a twenty-year project-based voucher program attached under the Section 8 program. Ms. Anderson further noted it was long term and would renew to continue to serve the same clients.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his belief it was important to preserve affordable housing in the community. He noted the importance of looking ahead at the affordable housing stock. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if the project would be an occupied rehabilitation. Ms. Anderson responded it would be unoccupied in phases from the top down and residents would be transitioned to other properties owned by the Housing Authority.

John Oke-Thomas, architect for the project, noted he had many opportunities to work with the Housing Authority previously. He expressed his belief tenants from phase one now had a sense of belonging. He further expressed his belief phase two would be a continuation of that sense. Mr. Oke-Thomas noted construction would begin in the next few months.

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

14.5. Council Bill 2025-096 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Hampton-Florence Redevelopment Area, which is generally located along the south side of East McDaniel Street between South Hampton Avenue and South Florence Avenue; and declaring the area in such plan to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, and welfare.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted Soflo, LLC, was seeking approval for a redevelopment plan of 1.33 acres on the south side of East McDaniel Street between

Hampton Avenue and Florence Avenue to facilitate the phased construction of low-density multifamily residential development. She further noted the property was currently comprised of six single-family residential dwellings and seven partially constructed duplexes. She added the redevelopment plan would allow the applicant to request real property tax abatement. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the current condition of the property was compromised and hindered the provision of housing accommodations. She added the proposed improvements included up to 14 new multi-story duplexes. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the redevelopment would occur in three phases.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if a rezoning was required and if tax abatement could be done prior to someone owning the property. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded the flexibility of the program allowed for areas to be activated within a timeframe. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if a parking ratio was provided. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded the information would be provided.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Dixie Decker, a representative of the proposed, noted she was available for any questions.

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

15. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

16. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

16.1. Council Bill 2025-097 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in the amount of \$930,132, to appropriate unused funds originally budgeted for Police Department salaries to address unfunded Police Department needs.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted a considerable amount of money was returned to the General Fund due to Police vacancies. He further noted there were approximately 60 Police Department vacancies, compared to an average of 20 to 25 vacancies. Chief Williams added he reviewed Police Department needs for items that would increase efficiency and officer safety, or fund maintenance needs. Chief Williams noted there were nine items requested, including tactical entry vests, drone with remote deck to cover south Springfield, continuation of the recruiting campaign, ammunition for a special response team, a new floor in the headquarters gym, desktop computers, replacing windows around the headquarters building, simulation system for the new weapons system, and a red dot operating system for handguns. Chief Williams further noted the total for all items was approximately \$930,232 and would be split between salary savings from the general fund and salary savings from the law enforcement sales tax fund.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how much money went back into the General Fund. Chief Williams responded approximately \$2 million last year. He added approximately \$700,000 was previously approved for purchases. Chief Williams noted payouts for retirees in the Police Department for the year were approximately \$1 million and funded through salary savings. He added salary savings had also funded overtime and special projects.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed. Councilmember Hosmer asked if 100 percent budgeted for law enforcement was used for law enforcement purposes. Mr. Quigley responded they were getting everything possible out of the two requests. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his support for dollars being budgeted where they were intended was a good use. He further expressed his belief more cameras would be beneficial. Councilmember Hosmer asked if there was an update on camera registration for businesses. Chief Williams noted registration for this program was lacking. He clarified camera registration did not mean the department would have access to the camera and encouraged individuals to sign up.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if a registration program that would be required of installers of security cameras was a possibility. Chief Williams responded not at the moment.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase, Vice President of Olsson, expressed support for the proposed. He expressed his appreciation for the intentionality behind the budgeting, and for the ongoing focus on safety. Mr. Haase expressed his belief that they would love to see the vacancies filled and appreciated the approach to utilizing existing funding for other key needs.

Tim Havens expressed his agreement in general with the Police Department's needs. However, he expressed his belief requests should be made one at a time and not as a lump sum. He further expressed his belief there were many issues in the City in need of funding.

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

16.2. Council Bill 2025-098 (Hardinger, Jenson)

A special ordinance amending the City of Springfield, Missouri, budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$50,000, to reflect a \$50,000 donation from the West Central Neighborhood Alliance for the purpose of reimbursing the City of Springfield, Missouri, for expenses related to the 2024 Birthplace of Route 66 Festival.

Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Scott noted the West Central Neighborhood Alliance served as a special event permitting for the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival. She further noted this was a longstanding grassroots event that began with the West Central Neighborhood. Ms. Scott added they were awarded a 2024 Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission Special Event sponsorship in the amount of \$50,000 used to reimburse the City for expenses related to the festival. The funds were accepted by Resolution 10813. She added the proposed would allow for the budget adjustment to allow City accounts to reflect the additional funds and accurate expenses.

Councilmember Jenson asked the total economic impact of last year's festival. Ms. Scott responded approximately \$1.2 million. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief that strong and well-supported neighborhood initiatives like this came to fruition in the community in a way no private business entity could do on their own. Ms. Scott expressed her appreciation for the West Central neighborhood and their support.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger expressed her excitement for the event and noted the funds reflected the community's investment in celebrating local culture and history. Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger asked how many visitors the event had seen. Ms. Scott responded there had been visitors from all 50 states and 13 countries. She added the City was the national kickoff site for 2026.

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

17. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

18. NEW BUSINESS.

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

20. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

21.1. Council Bill 2025-099 (Horton)

A special ordinance relinquishing a utility easement generally located at 400 West Division Street and 1475 North Campbell Avenue in Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of accommodating construction of the new Pipkin Middle School.

21.2. Council Bill 2025-100 (Adib-Yazdi)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to allow work to be performed on City right-of-way as part of upgrading the intersection of Glenstone Avenue and Seminole Street to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

21.3. Council Bill 2025-101 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for and accept up to \$24,000 in grant funds from the Development Disability SB40 Board for Greene County, Missouri, for the design and construction of an accessible changing table as part of the Historic City Hall Rehabilitation project to improve the accessibility of this municipal facility; and approving a budget adjustment amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$24,000.

22. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

23. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

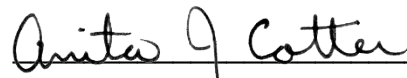
24. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

25. ADJOURN TO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to adjourn to the Special City Council meeting. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The City Council met in special session on May 5, 2025, in the Regional Police Fire Training Center. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schrag.

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Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk