



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

July 14, 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 Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: Councilmember McGull.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. June 23, 2025, City Council Meeting and June 24, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Carroll moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025, City Council Meeting and June 24, 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 Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. 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.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi requested item 19.2 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted the item would be moved to item 14.4 under First Reading Bills - Requiring Two Readings.

Mayor Schrag disclosed he was a member of the Missouri State University Board of Governors. He noted he would be voting on the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

David Cameron, City Manager, thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

Mr. Cameron noted receiving a friendly welcome from City staff at the swearing-in ceremony was powerful. He further noted their presence was not only a warm welcome, but also a testament to the strength, dedication, and pride within our team, and it reinforced for him the tremendous potential the City had, and renewed his sense of purpose in leading the organization forward.

Mr. Cameron noted he had the opportunity to attend the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meeting. He expressed his pleasure in introducing himself to the group and expressed his commitment to strong neighborhood engagement and collaborative problem-solving. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation for the warm and welcoming reception. He added the engagement from attendees and the collaborative atmosphere made for a very positive and productive experience.

Mr. Cameron noted the Plans & Policies Committee met last week to discuss the effectiveness and overall implementation process of the new towing ordinance. He further noted the discussion was productive, with several thoughtful questions raised by committee members. Mr. Cameron expressed his belief there were opportunities to address any early-stage implementation challenges or misunderstandings.

Mr. Cameron noted the City would host a storm debris volunteer cleanup day on Thursday, July 17, with more than 200 volunteers signed up. Mr. Cameron added more than 900 people had requested assistance in having debris moved to the curb for Public Works pickup. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided additional details and a timeline of the Public Works pick-ups throughout the rest of July and August. Mr. Smith noted there would be a systematic debris pickup beginning July 22. He added they asked all residents to place tree limbs and brush on the curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the first day of their zone pickup. He further noted Zone 1 pickup would be July 21 to July 25, Zone 3 from July 28 to August 1, Zone 2 from August 11 to August 15, and Zone 4 from August 18 to August 22. Mr. Smith added only vegetative debris would be collected.

Mr. Cameron noted representatives from the United Soccer League would be in Springfield this week. He added the City would continue to evaluate the viability of supporting professional soccer teams, and explore opportunities to enhance entertainment options in the City's sports district downtown.

Mr. Cameron noted on Thursday, July 24, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 would present a \$500,000 award to the City of Springfield, Missouri, at Hammons Field. He added Hammons Field was a good example of a previously successful Brownfields grant project. Mr. Cameron further noted community-wide grant funds would be used to inventory Brownfield sites and conduct environmental site assessments. He added grant funds would also be used to develop four cleanup plans and two area-wide plans, and support community engagement.

Mr. Cameron noted the Springfield-Greene County Health Department would break ground on a new Animal Shelter on July 25. He further noted the new shelter would be located at 3303 W. Division and would help Animal Control better serve our community with larger animal capacity, a convenient location for the public, and space for animals to play outside.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On. Except Item 6.1. Citizens May Speak on the Amendment Only.

6.1. Amended Council Bill 2025-136 (Adib-Yazdi)

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; authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance; and authorizing gates across private streets.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Parker Owens addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Owens noted he was a representative of the Doran family, and they were in support of the amended Council Bill. He thanked City Council for continuing to discuss the issue while promoting the growth and development of the Springfield area.

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

Ordinance 28175. Amended Council Bill 2025-136 (Adib-Yazdi) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-139 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 3, 'Administration, Enforcement, and Review,' Section 36-368, 'Publication and posting of notices,' for the purpose of aligning City Code with state publication requirements.

Ordinance 6934. Council Bill 2025-139 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2025-141 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Springfield City Code, "Building Development Codes," by deleting Article XV, "Floodplain Management," and enacting a new Article XV, "Floodplain Management," in lieu thereof for the purpose of complying with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's most recent model floodplain management ordinance.

Ordinance 6935. Council Bill 2025-141 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2025-142 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the purchase of real property, commonly known as 4455 West Farm Road 168, for use as buffer land adjacent to the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter a contract and do those things necessary to acquire said property.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the proposed was a buffer for the treatment facility. Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, responded the City currently owned approximately one-hundred acres south of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He added the proposed parcel was a small, privately owned piece that came up for sale and an agreement was reached to purchase the parcel to ensure continuity. Councilmember Hosmer asked if the purchase price was \$23,000. Mr. Kemper responded affirmatively.

Ordinance 28176. Council Bill 2025-142 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

7. **RESOLUTIONS.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-144 (Hosmer)

A resolution adopting the 2025 Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of providing a schedule of public improvements for 2025 through 2030.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed was an update to the Capital Improvements Program, which was a snapshot of all the capital obligations the City has at one point in time and plans on how the capital funds would be expended for the next five years. He added these were the largest expenditure of money the City undertakes. Mr. Crighton noted to be a capital improvement, a project must cost at least \$100,000 and have a useful life of six years or more. Mr. Crighton noted for the 2025 Capital Improvements Program there were 46 new projects added, of which 30 would receive funding. He further noted there were a total of 154 projects listed for a total of \$280 million for 2025. He added the future projects for 2026 to 2030 totaled approximately \$451 million in investment. Mr. Crighton noted within the program there was a list of identified but unfunded projects.

Mr. Crighton noted the program included nine Airport projects, 3 Fire Station Improvement projects, 10 Municipal Building and Ground Improvements, 3 Park Improvements, 38 Sanitary Sewer Improvements, 9 Solid Waste Improvements, 20 Stormwater Improvements, 32 Street Improvements, 10 Targeted Infrastructure Improvements, 6 Traffic Management Improvements, and 14 Walkability, Bicycle, and Safety Improvements.

Councilmember Horton noted the Capital Improvements included rescuing the Grant Avenue Bridge and asked if the MLK Bridge was supposed to be included in the proposed. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded the Grant Avenue Bridge and MLK Bridge were in the plan to rehabilitate, and the Public Works Department was working with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to have those bid late this year, with the majority of the work occurring next year.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation for the Kansas Avenue Project being included. He expressed his belief this was an important project for that area. He asked if there was a reason street infrastructure was specifically targeted. Mr. Crighton responded he was not sure of a specific reason. Councilmember Jenson noted he would like to see that considered more broadly. Councilmember Jenson asked about project 25-00038 funding, and if any of the funds were available to layer in with projects as they came forward. Mr. Crighton responded the proposed was more of a snapshot of all the ongoing and upcoming projects over the next few years. Mr. Smith responded there was some funding set aside for some cost shares.

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

Resolution 10830. Council Bill 2025-144 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-145 (Carroll)

A resolution amending Resolution 10663, adopting the City's Comprehensive Plan, Forward SGF, by changing Chapter 9, Transportation & Mobility, to remove a future collector generally located between Farm Road 151 and Farm Road 159.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed was a request to amend the Major Thoroughfare Plan, which was a long-range planning document to lay out where roads exist and the functional classification of roads when they were built. He further noted the proposed would remove an identified collector. Mr. Crighton further noted it was determined the future east and west collector planned to be located between Farm Road 151 and Farm Road 159 was not necessary. He added the Ozarks Transportation Organization identified topographic challenges that would make the connection infeasible.

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

Resolution 10831. Council Bill 2025-145 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. 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 2025-146 (Adib-Yazdi)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 47 acres of property generally located at 6217 South Southwood Avenue from Planned Development No. 258 and GI, Government and Institutional Use District with Conditional Overlay No. 36, to GI, Government and Institutional Use District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 269; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tea Properties MO I, LLC; 6217 South Southwood; Z-4-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 269).

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-146, 2025-147, 2025-148, 2025-149, and 2025-150 together. The Council Bills were presented together, and the summary was recorded under Council Bill 2025-150.

12.2. Council Bill 2025-147 (Adib-Yazdi)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 7 acres of property generally located at 6323 South Hartley Avenue, also known as South Farm Road 175, from Planned Development No. 258 to GI, Government and Institutional Use District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tea Properties MO II, LLC; 6323 South Hartley Avenue; Z-5-2025).

12.3. Council Bill 2025-148 (Adib-Yazdi)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 10 acres of property generally located at 6470 South Farm Road 175 from Planned Development No. 258 to GI, Government and Institutional Use District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 270; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tea Properties MO II, LLC; 6470 South Farm Road 175; Z-6-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 270).

12.4. Council Bill 2025-149 (Adib-Yazdi)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 4 acres of property generally located at 3023 East Riverbluff Boulevard from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District, to GI, Government and Institutional Use District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tea Properties MO II, LLC; 3023 E. Riverbluff Blvd; Z-7-2025).

12.5. Council Bill 2025-150 (Adib-Yazdi)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 42 acres of property generally located at 3020, 3050, and 3053 East Riverbluff Boulevard from Planned Development No. 302 and GI, Government and Institutional Use District with Conditional Overlay District No. 36, to GI, Government and Institutional Use District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tea Properties MO I, LLC and Mercy Health Springfield Communities; 6323 S. Hartley Avenue; 3020, 3050 & 3053 E. Riverbluff Blvd; Z-8-2025).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed was a request from Mercy Hospital to rezone the five individual parcels to Government and Institutional District (GI). He added a traffic study would be required.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ricky Haase addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Haase, a representative of Mercy, noted it was recommended that Mercy get the property rezoned to GI, and there were no immediate plans for development.

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

12.6. Council Bill 2025-151 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 2.1 acres of property generally located at 1414 West Elfindale Street and 1405 West Sunshine Street from Planned Development No. 319, Planned Development No. 46, and Planned Development No. 46 Amendment 2 to GR, General Retail District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Guaranty Bank & NAP Legacy Real Estate LLC; 1414 West Elfindale Street and 1405 West Sunshine Street; Z-9-2025).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow rezoning for the Child Advocacy Center from a Planned Development to a General Retail District.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Derrick Estell addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Estell noted the Center would expand the building and add additional parking for the development.

Councilmember Lee asked about the detention. Mr. Estell responded the site was well-developed, and the proposal would be to provide underground detention on the lot to the south along Sunshine Street.

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 2025-152 (Lee)

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 June 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.

Jan Millington, Deputy City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Millington noted the proposed would allow the City to waive brush disposal fees for all facilities due to the June 29, 2025, storm damage.

Councilmember Jenson asked if there had been discussions of incorporating this into the emergency powers enumerated for the Mayor. Ms. Millington responded this would be possible and this year's circumstances were unique.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if the City had access to a biochar facility to dispose of debris. Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, responded before the last storm there were over 60,000 cubic yards of debris. He noted he was not aware of a specific facility for that. Mr. Kemper noted there were conversations about what to do with ash from burning and mixing it in with mulch might be a good use.

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

Ordinance 28177. Council Bill 2025-152 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

13.2. Council Bill 2025-153 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding engineering work to extend the Fassnight Creek Greenway Trail along Bennett Street from west of National Avenue to Glenstone Avenue; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$348,871 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) were non-competitive Federal funds allocated by the Ozarks Transportation Organization and administered by MoDOT. He added the funds needed a 20-percent match from the City and the agreement would allow use of the funds for multimodal and other safety improvements from the Springfield Art Museum to Glenstone Avenue.

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

Ordinance 28178. Council Bill 2025-153 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

13.3. Council Bill 2025-154 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding engineering work for improvements at various intersections; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$400,000 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the agreement would allow use of STBG funds for scoping and design of multiple intersections in the City. He further noted the intersections already required signal replacement and the intersections would also be scoped for pedestrian and safety improvement and turn lane improvements.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if installing security cameras would be considered at the intersections. Mr. Foster responded existing camera systems would be included to modernize to the latest standards. Mr. Foster noted the purposed was a scope and design, and they could work with the Transportation Management Center to determine what systems could be put in place. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief technology was a force multiplier and should be utilized wherever it could be.

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

Ordinance 28179. Council Bill 2025-154 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-155 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending Springfield City Code, Chapter 10 'Alcoholic Beverages,' Article I 'In General,' Section 10-66 'Exception for Downtown and Commercial Street events,' for the purpose of removing the limitation on the number of permitted events.

Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Scott noted one item under the purview of the office was the management of special event permits. She further noted they averaged approximately 150 events per year. Ms. Scott noted the proposed would amend the alcoholic beverages code to remove the current cap on the number of permitted events where alcohol could be served in designated downtown and Commercial Street zones. Ms. Scott further noted the current cap was set at twelve. She expressed her belief removing the cap would enable more flexibility to support the growing calendar of community events while ensuring community safety. Ms. Scott added each event would require City Manager approval. Ms. Scott noted service would be restricted to paper, plastic, or aluminum cups up to 16 ounces, for no more than twelve hours per day, and no longer than three days in a week. Ms. Scott further noted the open container prohibition would only be lifted within the controlled event zone.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his appreciation for the attention to safety concerns. He expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Hosmer asked where the liquor liability provisions were, and the amount of the liability insurance required. Ms. Scott responded they were a requirement of the special event permit, and the insurance requirement was \$1 million. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief bars should have the same liquor liability as special events. He noted he would like to know liquor liability responsibility for bars in the City.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

J. Chris Ball, Chairman of the Downtown Community Improvement District, addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Ball noted they staved to keep downtown clean, safe, and friendly. he further noted they had events in as many places as possible to improve interaction. He added the new Life From Downtown series had been popular.

Rachel Munday addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Ms. Munday expressed her appreciation for progress made to create flexible and responsible frameworks for events. She expressed her belief the proposed would remove an arbitrary cap and allow more community building events.

Philip Herzog addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Herzog expressed his belief there was a special momentum in the City and noted he had served on groups and nonprofits that benefited from serving alcohol responsibly downtown. he expressed his belief the proposed was a great opportunity to say yes to more opportunities for downtown.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his agreement with the current moment in the City. He thanked Mr. Herzog for his comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger noted her enjoyment of the vibrant downtown scene and asked for the economic impact of some of the events. Ms. Scott noted it would be reviewed and expressed her belief it was significant.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-156 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Box Culvert and Parallel Development Agreement with BNSF Railway Company for the installation of a reinforced concrete box culvert beneath the railroad tracks near the crossing with Boonville Avenue.

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the proposed would allow finalizations of an agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway to place a box culvert underneath the BNSF railroad tracks and Boonville Street. He added the box culvert was part of the previously designed and budgeted Renew Jordan Creek project. Mr. Foster further noted the proposed covered the cost to replace the track, and permit and inspection fees for the installation.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2025-162 (Hardinger, Horton)

A general ordinance suspending enforcement of Sec. 118-124 of the City Code, requiring payment of a vehicle inspection fee for taxicabs; and referring Chapter 118 – Vehicles for Hire, Article II – Taxicabs, Courtesy Cars and Airport Limousines, to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Jan Millington, Deputy City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Millington noted the proposed would temporarily suspend enforcement of City Code Section 118-124 which references fees for taxi cabs. She further noted the taxicab regulations had not been reviewed since 2016. Ms. Millington added the proposed would refer the issue to the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

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

14.4. Council Bill 2025-158 (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 West Talmage Addition, generally located at 2655 North Grant Avenue and 739 West Talmage 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.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and became item 14.4 under First Reading Bills - Requiring Two Readings.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted he requested Council Bill 2025-158 be removed from the Consent Agenda. He expressed his belief the layout was different than what he would normally see for parcelizations and layouts and asked why it was different. Mr. Crighton responded the proposed preliminary plat was a condominium plat and each the units would be built on the footprint of the building itself and the remainder would be a common area. Councilmember

Adib-Yazdi asked how much of it was part of the right-of-way. Mr. Crighton responded it was public right-of-way and the streets would be private and maintained by the development association.

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15.1. Michelle Genovese wishes to address City Council.

Michelle Genovese addressed City Council. Ms. Genovese noted there were four declared disasters citizens could apply for if affected. She further noted the Small Business Administration provided startup funding for local businesses and loans to homeowners, tenants, nonprofits, churches and landlords. Ms. Genovese added the deadline for the disaster assistance were July 22 and August 22 and loans could go as long as 15 to 30 years.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked for clarification on the dates. Ms. Genovese responded the deadline of July 22 was for the storms of March 13 and March 14, and the deadline of August 22 was for the storms of April 29.

15.2. Daryl Baker wishes to address City Council.

Daryl Baker did not appear to address City Council.

15.3. Bobby Justice wishes to address City Council.

Bobby Justice did not appear to address City Council.

15.4. Sean Carrell wishes to address City Council.

Sean Carrell addressed City Council. Mr. Carrell noted the City had a trash issue and expressed his belief the issue was not being corrected. Mr. Carrell further noted he started a business to address the issue and support the community. He asked the City for a partnership and noted he only hires homeless individuals.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Carrell for sharing and for seeing a problem in the community and working to address the issue. Councilmember Jenson noted the Community Involvement Committee was working through the issue with nonprofit organizations who provide jobs to underprivileged individuals.

15.5. Tim Havens wishes to address City Council.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens noted the Jenny Lind apartments had two broken elevators and expressed his belief there was little or no cooperation from the landlords regarding making them operable. Mr. Havens further noted an order was given to the Millennia Corporation owner to produce documents to provide proof of action. He expressed his belief the required deposit had not been received as stated. Mr. Havens asked that previous statements regarding the deposit be retracted and asked that ordinances specific to elevators be passed.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if staff could provide an update on the Jenny Lind Apartments. Mr. Cameron responded an update would be provided Friday and another had been sent out.

15.6. Mitchell Budd wishes to address City Council.

Mitchell Budd addressed City Council. Mr. Budd noted he was a street performer, and he wanted to address pedestrian safety. Mr. Budd noted the median next to Walmart on Kansas Expressway was 20-feet wide and the sidewalk next to the median was 6-feet wide. He further noted he could perform on the sidewalk but expressed his belief he was subject to arrest if performing on the median. Mr. Budd noted according to the City website restricted medians were listed as those less than six-feet wide. Mr. Budd asked City Council to update the legal code to ensure the ordinance only applied to medians less than six-feet wide.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Budd for bringing the issue to their attention and for contributing to the vibrancy of downtown.

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.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2025-157 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a mutual aid agreement between the Brookline Fire Protection District and the City of Springfield for the purpose of providing fire protection mutual aid.

19.2. Council Bill 2025-158 (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 West Talmage Addition, generally located at 2655 North Grant Avenue and 739 West Talmage 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.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and became item 14.4 under First Reading Bills - Requiring Two Readings.

19.3. Council Bill 2025-159 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of continuing to provide enhanced law enforcement services within and around the Missouri State University campus.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2025-160 (Hardinger)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Matt Blevins and Heidi Herrman-Bacon, and the reappointment of Teresa Emerson and Travis Tindall to the Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors.

Resolution 10832. Council Bill 2025-160 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

20.2. Council Bill 2025-161 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in the amount of \$123,473.93, to accept and appropriate funds from the State Homeland Security Grant Program; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Ordinance 28180. Council Bill 2025-161 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

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

21.1. Council Bill 2025-143 (Horton, McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining two streamgages.

Ordinance 28181. Council Bill 2025-143 (Horton, McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull. Abstain: None.

21.2. Confirm the following reappointment to the Springfield-Greene County Library Board: Chris Bozarth with term to expire July 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.3. Confirm the following appointment to the Art Museum Board: Lindsey McDaniel with term to expire June 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.4. Confirm the following appointment to the Art Museum Board: Misty Tollett with term to expire June 1, 2026. Confirmed.

21.5. Confirm the following appointment to the Art Museum Board: Mark Wheeler with term to expire June 1, 2027. Confirmed.

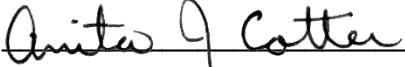
21.6. Confirm the following reappointments to the Art Museum Board: Nora Cox and Dr. Mitzi Kirkland-Ives with terms to expire June 1, 2028. Confirmed.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. ADJOURN.

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

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