



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

August 11, 2025

6:30 PM

Regional Police-Fire

**Training Center
2620 West Battlefield Road
Room 101, 102, and 103**

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Jenson, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. July 28, 2025, City Council Meeting and July 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to approve the July 28, 2025, City Council Meeting and July 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger 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, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None.
Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK TO OR REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDAS MUST DO SO AT THIS TIME.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

David Cameron, City Manager, noted the City of Springfield and Community Partnership of the Ozarks hosted National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, at Meador Park. He further noted National Night Out was a nationwide event held annually on the first Tuesday of August to promote community safety and strengthen police-community relations.

Mr. Cameron noted the annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival was held this past weekend in Downtown Springfield. He added approximately 450 classic cars, a festive parade, and live music on three stages highlighted the event. He added volunteers contributed 486 hours of time valued at \$15,159. Mr. Cameron further noted new this year was a drone show on Friday and Saturday night. Mr. Cameron noted the national kickoff for the Route 66 Centennial would be April 30, May 1, and May 2, 2026.

Mr. Cameron noted the Public Works Department entered another phase of storm debris clean-up with sweeps in Zone 1 that week. He further noted Zone 3 pick-ups would take place August 18-22; Zone 2: August 25-29, and Zone 4: September 1-5. He added there was an app on the City's website for an individual to locate their zone.

Mr. Cameron congratulated the City's Department of Economic Vitality for winning the Perfect Pitch competition at this year's annual National Brownfields Training Conference. He further noted Brownfields projects involve the redevelopment or reuse of previously developed land, often with the presence of environmental contamination, or outdated infrastructure. The team pitched Renew Jordan Creek Phase II and would receive \$50,000 in technical assistance. He added the competition was designed to help communities secure funding and support for their Brownfields projects by showcasing them to potential investors and experts.

Mr. Cameron noted the City's 1% sales tax was up year-to-date compared to the budget and actuals. He further noted the 12-month trend showed actual revenues were up 2.36% compared to budget, and actuals were up 3.11% compared with this time last year.

6. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING. Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated to be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-177 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 48 acres of property generally located at 3830 East Division Street from A-1, Agriculture District to Planned Development No. 392; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map.

Councilmember McGull noted a request was received from the developer asking the item be remanded to the Planning and Zoning Commission due to new information to be presented. He further expressed his belief the developer should meet with the neighborhood prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Councilmember McGull further noted it would be remanded with instructions for the Commission to receive additional information regarding the development's traffic impact and proposed density that many citizens of the community expressed concerns about.

Councilmember McGull moved to remand Council Bill 2025-177 to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was discussed.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the developer was required to hold a neighborhood meeting. Steve Childers, Director of Planning and Development, responded it was not required for a remand. Councilmember Hosmer encouraged a neighborhood meeting to be held to work out any problems or friction between the neighborhood and the developer. He added the meeting should be held at a location big enough to accommodate the number of individuals with input.

The motion to remand Council Bill 2025-177 to the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-171 (Jenson)

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 10.13 acres of private property generally located in the 4000 block of South Jonathan Avenue into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-6-2025.(By: Boehm Family Trust; 4000 block South Jonathan Avenue; A-6-2025.)

Alana Owen, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Owen noted the proposed was the request of the private property owner to annex approximately 10 acres of land adjacent to the existing City Limits and adjacent to property annexed in January. She further noted the intent was to develop residential as an extension of the existing subdivision to the north for duplex lots.

Councilmember Horton asked if the properties to the southeast and northeast of the property line were also annexed. Ms. Owen responded only the properties highlighted in light blue were annexed.

Councilmember Lee asked if recently annexed properties that were not rezoned from County to City would be part of the remapping for the City. Ms. Owen responded they would become City zoned.

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

6.3. Council Bill 2025-172 (Horton)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 482 for the purpose of permitting a daycare center as an adaptive use of a non-residential structure in a R-SF, Single-Family Residential District, generally located at 1212 North Broadway Avenue. (By: Czirina Moreno; 1212 North Broadway Avenue; Conditional Use Permit No. 482.)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the request for a conditional use permit was for adaptive reuse of an existing commercial structure in a residential single-family district. He further noted the proposed met all the 21 criteria evaluated and was in the Center City neighborhood.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Becky Volz addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Ms. Volz noted the intended use would be for a daycare for special-needs children. She expressed her belief the City was in need of daycare for families in need of the service. Ms. Volz expressed her appreciation for efforts to do something with the building, which had become a blight in the area.

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

6.4. Council Bill 2025-173 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.22 acres of property generally located at 2800 North Kansas Expressway from GR – General retail district to HC – Highway commercial district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Khan Family Properties, LLC; 2800 N. Kansas Expressway; Z-12-2025.)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed was a request to rezone the property to Highway Commercial to allow for operation of an auto dealership. He added the property was near the intersection of Kansas Avenue and I-44.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Teresa Davison, a representative of Heithaus Engineering, noted she was available for any questions.

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

6.5. Council Bill 2025-174 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3.83 acres of property generally located at 1100 East Kearney Street, 1101 East Turner Street, 2303 and 2307 North Taylor Avenue, and 2306 North Howard Avenue from R-TH – Residential townhouse district and HC – Highway commercial district, to R-MD – Medium density multifamily residential district and HC – Highway commercial district with Conditional Overlay District No. 272; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 272; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Elevate Lives; 1100 East Kearney Street, 1101 East Turner Street, 2303 & 2307 North Taylor Avenue, 2306 North Howard Avenue; Z-13-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 272.)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow for rezoning to Residential Townhouse District with the intention of developing the property as a multifamily development. He further noted the location was the former Robberson school. Mr. Crighton added the overall density was capped at 22 units per acre.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Billy Kimmons, a representative of the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Kimmons noted the proposed would allow for rezoning. He added the remaining parcels would be divided to medium density zoning to support the apartment development.

Becky Volz spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Volz expressed her belief the proposed would make a difference in the neighborhood and further meet housing needs in the area.

Russ Gosselin, CEO and founder of Elevate Lives, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted they focused on helping individuals through training and mentoring. He added they found there was a need for stable housing. He added they had cleaned up the property to prepare the building to be a hub for different non-profits to collaborate and help families. Mr. Gosselin noted the Robberson school building would serve as the Elevate Center, and the south end of the property would be the housing component.

Councilmember McGull expressed his appreciation for the investment into the community. He further expressed his belief the project would assist in rehabilitating some individuals.

Councilmember Lee asked Mr. Gosselin to share a success story. Mr. Gosselin responded there was a single mom that was at risk of eviction from slumlord housing who entered the Elevate Lives program. He noted that over that year she began to learn and increased her income. Mr. Gosselin added she earned her Registered Nursing license and was working toward becoming a nurse practitioner.

Mary Ann Bonetti, President of the Robberson Neighborhood Association, expressed appreciation for Elevate Lives and their vision in the community.

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

6.6. Council Bill 2025-175 (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 2456 East Sunshine Street from R-SF – Single-family residential district, GR – General retail district, and HC – Highway commercial district, to GR – General retail district, with Conditional Overlay District No. 271; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 271; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Schweitzer Church, Inc.; 2701 & 2747 E. Sunshine Street and 2662, 2702, 2710 & 2740 E. Stanford Street; Z-11-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 271.)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the request was to rezone a property at Schweitzer United Methodist Church. He further noted they were preparing to renovate their sanctuary and needed additional parking. He added the current zoning would allow expanded parking as an accessory use. He further noted the issue was that the internal zoning boundaries would necessitate an internal buffer. Mr. Crighton noted rezoning the entire property would create a consistent buffer and provide a better shield from the parking area to the surrounding neighbors.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Chris Ball, a representative of the applicant, noted staff recommended rezoning all the parcels to similar zoning to eliminate issues. He added the rezoning would create a heavy buffer to the entire perimeter and increase the width and density of plantings in the buffer to provide maximum buffer between the parking lot and neighbors. Mr. Ball noted there were some concerns of the neighbors, including traffic on Stanford Street. He further noted the church had agreed to do what they could to limit access at certain times of the week and to provide additional signage. Mr. Ball added the proposed would allow for the addition of approximately 51 parking spaces.

William Phillips spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Phillips noted he lived on Stanford Street across from the parking lot in question. He added the proposed would allow a large commercial driveway entrance and access point off a residential street. Mr. Phillips further noted the organization had over 2,000 members and hosted many events throughout the week. He expressed his belief a commercial scale driveway feeding into a residential street was not a minor change. Mr. Phillips expressed his belief growth should not come at the expense of the neighbors.

Spencer Smith, Pastor of Schweitzer Church, spoke in support of the rezoning. He noted there was an exit to the north of the property that did go onto Stanford Street. Mr. Smith further noted the parking lot they wished to expand was currently a vacant lot. He expressed his belief the church did many good things for the neighborhood and that they were concerned for the good of the community. He further expressed his belief the proposed would be a benefit.

Councilmember McGull asked if the existing buffer was a fence. Mr. Smith responded there were three homes north of the current parking lot and the buffer was a privacy fence with gates on the back side. He noted the home used for transitional housing would be demolished. Councilmember McGull asked if the driveway would be beautified. Mr. Smith responded their main concern was traffic on Sunshine Street. He noted handicapped parking was near the current entrance. Mr. Smith noted they had a preschool during the week and neighbors had expressed concern about the traffic from that. He added they had agreed to look into a gate system for that issue. He further noted the new exit would be on the other side of the property and expressed his belief it would not have a significant impact.

Councilmember McGull asked what days services were held. Mr. Smith responded there were three services on Sunday and one on Wednesday night. Councilmember McGull asked if there were traffic issues on the other days of the week. Mr. Smith noted it was a busy campus, but there were no traffic issues on the less busy days.

Councilmember Jenson noted he was sympathetic to the neighborhood and expressed his dislike for residential property being converted to surface parking lots. He asked if the church had run out of space in their parking lot design. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively. He noted during peak attendance; they were at 90 percent capacity. He further noted they were looking to expand. Mr. Smith noted they were looking at a 30 percent expansion of the sanctuary, which could not occur without additional parking. Councilmember Jenson asked if Stanford Street was anticipated to serve as relief for the parking issue. Mr. Smith responded affirmatively. Councilmember Jenson encouraged Mr. Smith to consider using land for housing development as a revenue stream in the future or to consider shared parking.

Councilmember Lee asked staff to speak to safety regarding closing driveways as part of the lot combination. Mr. Smith responded the number of driveways closed would have been based on City Code. He noted with traffic volume and speeds on Sunshine Street, a side road would be a safer option.

Meghan Page addressed City Council in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Page noted the rezoning would allow a driveway onto Stanford Street and expressed her belief the rezoning was not only about buffers or lot consolidation. She further expressed her belief it was about shifting traffic into a place it did not belong. She further noted if rezoned, they would never be able to get the viable residential land back. Ms. Page noted the church had a massive footprint, larger than Sam's Club. Ms. Page expressed her belief the church had the means and influence to explore more effective and ethical ways to expand.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the applicant would be able to develop parking and the sanctuary expansion under current zoning. Mr. Childers responded affirmatively. Councilmember Jenson asked if the applicant would be able to add new access off of Stanford Street. Mr. Crighton responded each lot had individual access, and they would be allowed to retain the original driveway.

Alyson Bellor addressed City Council in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Bellor noted Stanford Street was a residential street, and the church had an existing driveway at the east end of the street. She expressed her belief this would not be an improvement to the neighborhood. Ms. Bellor noted many families walk their animals and enjoy the entire street. She expressed her belief the proposed would increase traffic which would be a danger to the neighborhood. She added it did not appear there was much study or research done for the traffic impact on Stanford Street. Ms. Bellor expressed her belief the addition of increased commercial lighting should also be considered. She expressed her concern for drainage issues that could occur.

Collette Freeman, COO of Schweitzer Church, noted they would do whatever was needed or required concerning lighting. She noted they were investigating having two homes moved off the property.

Councilmember McGull asked if there was a proposal to install a gate. Ms. Freeman responded affirmatively. She added a speed limit sign and careful sign would be installed for neighbors and children. Ms. Freeman further noted the parking lot would be enclosed for access.

Councilmember Jenson asked if church volunteers assisted with traffic management. Ms. Freeman responded they did not, but they would look into that. Ms. Freeman noted they were researching speed bumps to limit speed.

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

6.7. Council Bill 2025-176 (Adib-Yazdi)

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 2961 East Republic Road and 4152 South Middleton Avenue from R-SF, Single-family residential district, to LB, Limited business district, with Conditional Overlay District No. 273; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 273; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Windmill Holdings LLC; 2961 East Republic Road and 4152 South Middleton Avenue; Z-10-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 273.)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow rezoning to Limited Business for the propose of establishing an event venue. He further noted the property was the old Galloway Chapel. He added a vacation ran concurrently with the proposed and vacated an alley. Mr. Crighton noted the Conditional Overlay District preserved the overall building and allowed the addition to not exceed 1,000 square feet. He noted the intent was to develop an accessible restroom.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Chris Wynn, a representative of the owner and developer of the property, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Wynn noted the building had become dilapidated, and the developer wanted to use the building as an event center. He further noted the space would be used for small events. Mr. Wynn added an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant restroom would be added. He noted four individuals attended the neighborhood meeting, with one in opposition. Mr. Wynn further noted there were protections in the Code for neighbors. He expressed his belief the event space was well received by the community.

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

7. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

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

7.1. Amended 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.

Mayor Schrag noted he was a stakeholder in Mother's Brewery, had no conflict in voting, and expressed his support for the proposed.

Ordinance 6943. Amended Council Bill 2025-155 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-164 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the City of Springfield Code Chapter 74 'Nuisance and Housing Code' Article I 'In General' Section 74-1 'Definitions,' Article II 'Enforcement,' Section 74-37 'Decision,' and Section 74-38 'Cost, assessments, and nuisance-abatement lien,' Article VII 'Nuisances,' Division 1 'Generally,' Section 74-382 'Property owner's responsibility for nuisance abatement,' and Division 2 'Weeds and Other Rank Vegetation,' Section 74-401 'Rank vegetation declared hazard to public health, safety and welfare,' Section 74-402 'Authority of city manager to determine existence of nuisance,' Section 74-403 'Weeds over seven inches in height declared nuisance,' and Section 74-406 'Charges for abatement by city,' to revise the sections for clarity, efficiency, and improved nuisance abatement and to add provisions to City of Springfield Code Chapter 38 'Land Development Code,' Article I 'Administration and Enforcement of Codes,' Division 4 'Permits and Fees,' Section 38-134 'Submittal documents' to better regulate construction, small-project construction, and a range of construction components.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the proposed eliminated the posting requirements on site for nuisance properties when a case was opened. Martin Gugel, Director of Building Development Services, responded it would clarify the postings as far as how the mailings were handled.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the property would still be posted. Mr. Gugel responded affirmatively, as if the section referring to tarps and similar materials was referencing structures that were piecemealed together, and if this was used to address encampments. Mr. Gugel responded the main intent of that language was to address tents and tarps used as storage. He added it would keep structures on site from being created with scrap material not intended for storage or housing.

Councilmember Jenson noted the responsibility of homeowners to mow up to the right-of-way. He further noted receiving concerns from individuals that felt the City should be responsible. He asked how many miles of roadway the City had, to emphasize to the community that it would be financially impossible for the City to take responsibility for mowing up to the right-of-way. Mr. Gugel responded it was the property owner's responsibility to mow up to the street.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for clarification on camping where it identified camping by minors camping in their yard with a tent. Mr. Gugel responded the language could be drafted a little differently. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief the addition of language regarding homeowners mowing up to the street and taking care of alleyways was beneficial. He asked Mr. Gugel to review how enforcement would be applied for minors camping.

Ordinance 28187. Council Bill 2025-164 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

7.3. Council Bill 2025-165 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 5, 'Supplemental District Regulations,' Section 36-459, 'Special regulations for retail liquor sales,' for the purpose of removing the requirement to advertise notice of proposed liquor sales in an official newspaper or a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Springfield, Missouri, for at least five consecutive issues to align City Code with state publication requirements.

Mayor Schrag left the dais.

Ordinance 6944. Council Bill 2025-165 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Councilmember Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi and Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

7.4. Council Bill 2025-166 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget of the City of Springfield in the General Fund by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$275,643.54, for the purpose of adjusting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses, adjusting the salary budget for retirement payouts, and adjusting interdepartmental budgets.

Ordinance 28188. Council Bill 2025-166 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Councilmember Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi and Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

7.5. Council Bill 2025-167 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget of the City of Springfield by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$203,698.25, in various Special Revenue Funds, for the purpose of accounting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expense items.

Ordinance 28189. Council Bill 2025-167 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Councilmember Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi and Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

7.6. Council Bill 2025-168 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget by increasing revenues by \$450,000 and appropriating \$375,000 of Park's Fund Balance, for a total of \$825,000, to offset unanticipated expenditures of \$825,000, and increasing both revenues and associated expenses within the Golf Enterprise Fund by \$580,000, for an overall budget adjustment of \$1,405,000.

Mayor Schrag returned to the dais.

Ordinance 28190. Council Bill 2025-168 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

8. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On. Except Item 7.1. Citizens Have Spoken.

8.1. Council Bill 2025-163 (Jenson)

A resolution granting a new liquor license to sell liquor by the drink at retail, including Sunday sales, to Pinecone Developments, LLC, d/b/a Pinecone Developments LLC, for the location at 465 South Grant Avenue.

Councilmember Jenson noted communication was received from the developer and expressed his belief the developer did things appropriately by speaking with the neighborhood in advance and receiving a letter of support from the neighborhood association. He further expressed his belief the proposed was an innovative adaptive reuse of the building.

Resolution 10834. Council Bill 2025-163 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

8.2. Council Bill 2025-184 (Lee, Adib-Yazdi, Jenson, McGull)

A resolution confirming the appointment of David Jacquez to the Board of Equalization.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the Greene County Board of Equalization had county and city members. He further noted five of the members were city members and only sat on city cases. He added city cases needed a quorum of five and two of the city's five seats were being held over on expired terms.

Councilmember Lee asked the background of the proposed and the importance of it being an emergency. Anita Cotter, City Clerk, responded there was an ongoing issue with attendance of one city representative, and for appeals for assessments to be considered, a quorum of city members was required. Ms. Cotter noted an applicant was received and it was requested the issue be expedited as all appeals were held during the summer months. Councilmember Lee noted the Board allowed citizens to petition to change their assessed value.

Resolution 10835. Council Bill 2025-184 (Lee, Adib-Yazdi, Jenson, McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

8.3. Council Bill 2025-185 (Schrag)

A resolution declaring the intent of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to utilize the Construction Manager At Risk project delivery method for the Springfield Regional Convention and Event Center project; and setting forth selection criteria.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted as the complexity of the Convention Center project was considered, a determination was made that the Construction Manager At Risk Project Delivery method would give the City the best end product as required by State statute. He further noted the intent was to utilize the method.

Resolution 10836. Council Bill 2025-185 (Schrag) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

9. EMERGENCY BILLS.

10. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

11. GRANTS.

12. AMENDED BILLS.

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2025-178 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the LeCompte Roadway Trail Improvements project; accepting the bid of KCI Construction Company for construction of the project in the amount of \$319,900.00; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Evan Bergmann, Project Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Bergmann noted the proposed would allow acceptance of the bid of KCI Construction Company for the construction of the LeCompte Road Trail Improvements Project. He further noted five responsive bids were received for the project.

Ordinance 28191. Council Bill 2025-178 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

13.2. Council Bill 2025-179 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Carbon Reduction Program Supplemental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the design and construction of a pedestrian and bicycle multiuse trail along Sherman Parkway from Jordan Valley Park to Chestnut Expressway; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$408,635 to appropriate the additional federal funds for this project; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted City Council had previously been asked to approve the acceptance of federal funds for the design, which was approved. He further noted the proposed would allow acceptance of construction funds to build the trail and enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

Ordinance 28192. Council Bill 2025-179 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-180 (City Council)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, by appropriating \$30 million of Spring Forward SGF 1/2-cent sales tax revenue for the purpose of providing a local match to the \$30 million offered by the State of Missouri for the development of a regional convention center complex.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted results of the Hunden Report had been provided to City Council at the July 8, 2025, City Council Luncheon. He further noted the report noted a full-service convention center would generate \$1.3 billion in new visitor spending over 30 years, and \$68 million in new tax revenues. He added the City was offered \$30 million by the State for the development of a Regional Convention Center complex, providing a dollar-for-dollar match. Mr. Holtmann noted the Citizens' Advisory Board met on July 30, 2025, and discussed a number of potential uses for the new 1/2-cent tax. He added they unanimously voted to recommend City Council appropriate \$30 million for the purpose of providing the matching funds for the Convention Center.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-183 (Schrag)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to enter into a First Amendment to agreement with Anita J. Cotter for the purpose of employing her as City Clerk; authorizing payment of salary and benefits in accordance with the provisions of said amended agreement; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Springfield.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the City Clerk was one of two City Council contract employees. He further noted the contract amendment was made in connection with the City Clerk's annual performance review and would implement her raise for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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. Summer Ansari wishes to address City Council.

Summer Ansari did not appear to address City Council.

15.2. Mitchell Budd wishes to address City Council.

Mitchell Budd did not appear to address City Council.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2025-181 (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 Terragreen Condominiums Phase VI, generally located at 2305 South Blackman Road, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: Blackman Road Properties, LLC; ERCO Real Estate Company, LLC; H2D2-TGD, LLC; & 2305 Blackman Road Bldg A, LLC; 2305 South Blackman Road; Preliminary Plat of Terragreen Condominiums Phase VI.)

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

20.1. Council Bill 2025-182 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a Missouri Blue Shield Grant Program grant from the State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$50,000; amending the budget for the Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$50,000; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Council Bill 2025-182 (Carroll) was by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Abstain: None.

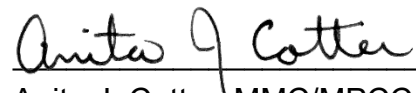
21. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. ADJOURN.

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

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk