



## 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

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**August 25, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Regional Police-Fire**

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

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**1. ROLL CALL.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. August 5, 2025, Special City Council Meeting and August 11, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025, Special City Council meeting and August 11, 2025, City Council meeting as presented. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem 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 as presented 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.

**4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.**

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

Mr. Cameron noted the SGF Business Lab would be held on October 15 at the efactory, which connected ENT entrepreneurs with City and resource partners. He further noted this was the second year for the event.

Mr. Cameron noted Planning and Development staff presented transportation elements of the new land development code to the Ozark section of the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He further noted education included a case study quiz and continuing education credit. He thanked Councilmember Lee for his support.

Mr. Cameron noted the educational campaign was underway for the November 4 Hotel/Motel Tax Ballot Initiative. He further noted he had spoken with the Hotel Association, and there were many good questions. Mr. Cameron added educational resources would include a City webpage, speaking engagements, posters, videos, and information booths.

Mr. Cameron noted the storm debris cleanup progress was as follows: Zone One was 77 percent complete; Zone Three was 57 percent complete; and Zone Two would begin the week of August 25. He added the City was waiting for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to analyze and evaluate the damage to determine if more funding could be received. He noted Hodges Tree Trimming completed all of their Tier One sites, and 7 percent of the Tier Two sites.

Mr. Cameron noted a pre-qualification meeting for the Convention Center drew 95 attendees and 26 architectural firms. He further noted there was a similar turn out for the Construction Manager At Risk meeting.

**6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.**

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

**6.1. 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.)

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if a fiscal analysis had been done on the annexation. Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, responded this had not been done. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked the reason those were not done. Mr. Crighton responded they did not have the appropriate tools. He noted consent annexations were most likely previously discussed, and residential property was not as fiscally advantageous as commercial property in terms of services and return investment.

Ordinance 6945. Council Bill 2025-171 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. 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.)

Ordinance 28194. Council Bill 2025-172 (Horton) 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.

6.3. 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.)

Julie Greer, Deputy City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found to be insufficient at 5.8 percent. Therefore, a supermajority was not required for passage.

Ordinance 6946. Council Bill 2025-173 (Horton) 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.

6.4. 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.)

Ordinance 6947. Council Bill 2025-174 (McGull) 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.

6.5. 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.)

Julie Greer, Deputy City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found to be insufficient at 2 percent. Therefore, a supermajority was not required for passage.

Councilmember Jenson noted valid concerns were heard from the neighborhood at the previous meeting regarding traffic and safety impacts. He further noted stormwater issues that currently existed were identified. Councilmember Jenson noted he discussed an amendment with the development team that would add gates to both entrances from Stanford Street and require the posting of traffic management volunteers for large services. He further noted having a conversation with the applicant regarding challenges and improvements they were currently making. He added the applicant had committed to providing a gate from the new access created from Stanford Street and discussed creating a smart team who would be responsible for safety. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief a conversation was needed regarding the Comprehensive Plan and how it impacted development and improvements. He added closure of access points to Sunshine Street made sense for safety, and issues of traffic impacts, stormwater management, and sidewalks were all valid concerns for residents. Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation for Schweitzer Church and their willingness to look for ways to be a better neighbor. He expressed his belief the City needed to have a flexible and responsive funding mechanism to layer with development due to real concerns brought forth by residents.

Council Bill 2025-175 (Adib-Yazdi) 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.

\*Clerk's Note: A scrivener's error was corrected to reflect the address as 2701 and 2747 East Sunshine.

6.6. 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.)

Ordinance 6949. Council Bill 2025-176 (Adib-Yazdi) 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.

6.7. 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.

Ordinance 28195. Council Bill 2025-180 (City Council) 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.

6.8. 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.

Ordinance 28196. Council Bill 2025-183 (Schrag) 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.

**7. RESOLUTIONS.**

**8. EMERGENCY BILLS.**

**9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

**10. GRANTS.**

**11. AMENDED BILLS.**

## **12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

### **13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

#### **13.1. Council Bill 2025-189 (Carroll)**

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 28154, passed by City Council on June 9, 2025, to reflect the final determination of the Greene County Assessor of the assessed valuation by levying a tax on real and personal property for the current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies, for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(5) of the City Charter.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed was the final step to certify the City's property tax levies for Fiscal Year 2025. He further noted after receiving the final assessed valuation information from the County, the City tax levies were calculated, and the public notice had been met. He added the proposed was an emergency measure due to the short timeframe of fixing tax rates. Mr. Holtmann noted the final levy for tax year 2025, which would be collected in Fiscal Year 2026, was 0.5636 per one-hundred dollars assessed. He further noted this was up from 0.6091 the previous year and the assessed valuation increased by approximately 13.5 percent.

Mr. Holtmann noted new construction and newly added territory made up approximately \$50 million of the increase, and the total tax was an increase of approximately 5.5 percent. Mr. Holtmann further noted there as an error on the ordinance for the prior levy. He noted the correct levy was 0.5636. Mr. Holtmann added the correct numbers were published.

Councilmember Horton noted there were three areas where taxes were assessed: real property, personal property, and an area of utilities assessed by the State. She further noted there was an 11-cent plus a surtax for the Health Department, which would add approximately \$5.6 million, and the Parks Department would receive a total of approximately \$8.2 million. She added the Art Museum would receive approximately \$1.7 million and asked for an explanation of the remaining funds for municipal purposes. Mr. Holtmann responded that general category was the Level Property Tax Program sent to the voters, which changed how the property tax was levied for the benefit of providing funds for capital improvements. He noted these funds had been used for several large projects, such as rebuilding several fire stations, work on Historic City Hall, and expansion of the Police Department. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the information was pertinent to adding to the understanding of where taxes are used when they are paid.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the levy was set each year and the proposed was the final step in setting the levy. He added schools were the biggest recipients of personal property tax, and they also funded the library, individuals with developmental disabilities, the City, and roads and bridges in Greene County. Mr. Holtmann responded affirmatively. Councilmember Hosmer added of the City's money, taxes funded Parks, Public Health, the Art Museum, and Law Enforcement. He added there was no mechanism for the City to enforce who paid personal property tax. Mr. Holtmann responded this was done through Greene County.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the assessor noted approximately 60 percent of businesses in the City did not pay their personal property taxes. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief the City needed resources for all the areas paid for by personal property taxes. Councilmember Hosmer further expressed his belief the City should ensure individuals paid their fair share.

Councilmember Lee asked about the September 1 deadline. Mr. Paul responded there was an emergency clause which would allow the proposed to be voted on.

Mayor Schrag moved to amend Council Bill 2025-189 by updating the amount of revenue required to be produced from the property tax updating the amount of revenue required to be produced from the property tax from \$25,833,914 (2024) to \$27,279,182 (2025), and by updating the proposed tax levy from \$0.6104 (2024) to \$0.5636 (2025), as set forth in the written motion.

Councilmember Lee 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.

Ordinance 28197. Amended Council Bill 2025-189 (Carroll) 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.

#### **14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.**

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

##### **14.1. Council Bill 2025-186 (Hosmer)**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept a grant renewal in the amount of \$100,000 from the Missouri Children's Trust Fund for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to continue operating the Family Connects Program to parents of newborns in Greene County, Missouri; to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$100,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

Rinda Davis, Assistant Director of Health, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Davis noted the proposed would allow acceptance of \$100,000 in funding from the Missouri Children's Trust Fund to support continued operation of the Family Connects Program. She further noted the program was universal and offered to all families with newborns who resided within Greene County, Missouri. Ms. Davis added the program provided trained, registered nurses to provide guidance and support to families in the home, such as home safety and safe sleep practices. Ms. Davis noted the program also assessed the health of the newborn and mother within the home.

Ms. Davis thanked the Missouri Children's Trust Fund for their startup funding and support. She noted they were looking for future opportunities with additional partnerships.

Councilmember Carroll shared knowledge of a friend's positive experience with the program.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Sally Hargis, a local employer, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Hargis expressed her opinion individuals should think of these programs in relation to the workforce. She expressed her appreciation to the Health Department and City Council for investing in programs that strengthened the well-being of the community. She expressed her belief the Family Connects Program was a powerful example of prevention and early intervention that made a difference.

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

#### 14.2. Council Bill 2025-187 (Adib-Yazdi)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 operating budget of the City of Springfield by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$370,000, for the purpose of appropriating accumulated interest proceeds in the 2020 Level Property Tax Bond I Project fund, for the purpose of funding the Hazelwood Cemetery office and maintenance building project.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the proposed would amend the current fiscal year 2025-2026 operating budget for revenues and expenses in the amount of \$370,000 for the purpose of appropriating accumulated interest in a level property tax bond issue. He further noted it would be used for the Hazelwood Cemetery office and maintenance building project. Mr. Holtmann added it was one of the buildings that needed attention. He noted it was part of the level property tax program developed many years ago. Mr. Holtmann further noted there was approximately \$1.2 million in the second bond fund for the project, and approximately \$130,000 in carryover funds appropriated. He added incorporating interest earnings from the first set of bonds had been discussed, and this was the formal step to include these in the operating budget and allow the project to move forward.

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

#### 14.3. Council Bill 2025-188 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigations with the United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$71,350 for the purpose of operating and maintaining six streamgages.

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted streamgages provided continuous real-time data on water levels and stream flow, which supported flood risk mapping, infrastructure design, flood forecasting, water quality studies, and other research. He further noted the United States Geological Survey operated over 11,000 streamgages nationwide, including 229 in Missouri. He added the City had partnered with the United States Geological Survey, Missouri Department of Transportation, and the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks to help fund several of the local streamgages since 1998. Mr. Dunnaway noted the joint funding agreement would continue the partnership for another year.

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

#### 14.4. Council Bill 2025-190 (Schrag)

A general ordinance suspending enforcement of Sec. 70-36(c) of the City Code, requiring proof of payment of all personal property taxes as a prerequisite of obtaining an occupational license; and referring the same to the Plans and Policies Committee.

Mayor Schrag noted he would relinquish the chair to Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. He further noted he would want to engage directly in the matter and was not recusing himself.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted earlier in the year; City Council amended Section 70-36 of the City Code to require proof of payment of personal property taxes as a prerequisite to obtaining a City business license. He further noted Mayor Schrag asked a bill be prepared to suspend enforcement of Section 70-36 as amended pending Committee referral and recommendation.

Councilmember Hosmer noted when a City Councilmember asks for a bill they typically present the bill. He asked if Mayor Schrag would provide testimony regarding the intent. Mr. Paul responded the default under the Code expressed a desire for Code changes to go to Committee first. Councilmember Hosmer noted the topic had gone to the Plans and Policies Committee. He asked if it were within the rules for a topic to come out of Committee prior to receiving a recommendation from the Committee. Mr. Paul responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hosmer noted there was a provision under Section 2-53 (11) that noted a bill could go to Committee and the sponsor of the bill may remove the bill from the Committee and present it to City Council after sufficient opportunity was given to the Committee to consider. Councilmember Hosmer noted he had the ability to remove the bill after a couple of months and provide it to City Council. Mr. Paul responded affirmatively. Councilmember Hosmer asked if there were any substantive arguments about the ordinance. Mr. Paul responded he would defer to the Mayor for his reasons.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the County Assessor noted 60 percent of businesses in Springfield did not pay their property tax. Mr. Paul responded the Assessor noted there were businesses that had not paid. He asked if the Mayor sent the vehicle registration bill back to Committee. Mr. Paul responded it did go back to Committee. Councilmember Hosmer noted the recommendation from the Committee was that the ordinance had worked very well, and the Collector's Office and Springfield Police Department had agreed it was working well with getting individuals legal in the streets, and providing revenue for the City to assist schools, people with developmental disabilities, the library, and the Art Museum. Mr. Paul responded he understood that to be correct. Councilmember Hosmer noted the testimony of the County Collector and Assessor showed there was no mechanism to enforce personal property tax collection for businesses in Springfield. He asked if other jurisdictions, such as Kansas City and St. Louis were researched. Mr. Paul responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Jenson asked if staff had been made aware of any specific harms businesses had experienced as a result of enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Paul noted he was not aware of any, and further noted the City had not been through a licensing cycle since the ordinance passed.

Councilmember Horton asked if the rule was a mandate that the proposed issues go through committee, or was it encouraged. Mr. Paul expressed his belief the language was it was encouraged. Councilmember Horton noted bills may go through a different process than only going through committee. She expressed her belief she did not want Councilmembers to get locked into one way when there were multiple ways of doing things. She further expressed her belief questions could be asked of staff. Councilmember Horton noted the way she could be supportive of a bill like the proposed was if enforcement was continued. She clarified that

sending items through committee was not mandated but encouraged.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if there were things in the ordinance that would need to be resolved before the next packets were sent to businesses. Mr. Paul responded the concern was that if the item went to committee, it might not come back. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if there was something that precipitated the need to suspend the current ordinance. Mr. Paul responded the item was a City Council item and not a staff item.

Councilmember Hosmer asked the sponsor if there was a particular instance that needed to be addressed, or a business he had talked to. Mayor Schrag responded the short answer was no. He expressed his belief the issue was complex, and he would like it to be vetted to ensure there were no unintended consequences. Councilmember Hosmer noted it was the same as vehicle registration. Mayor Schrag responded businesses also had to register vehicles and the rules were applied in the same manner. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief the problem was other business personal property. He further expressed his belief it was unfair for good businesses to play by the rules when 60 percent of businesses did not. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief all should pay their fair share.

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. Alicia Hublou wishes to address City Council.

Alicia Hublou did not appear to address City Council.

15.2. Liz Wertz wishes to address City Council.

Liz Wertz, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri, addressed City Council. Ms. Wertz noted an event to honor the legacy of Congressman John Lewis was held in partnership with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) of Springfield on July 17. She further noted attendees participated in a card writing campaign to advocate for local policy that reflected the values of justice, equity, and care for neighbors. She added at the heart of the cards was the rental inspection pilot program. Ms. Wertz noted there were 38 cards. The cards were provided to the Deputy City Clerk.

15.3. Kai Sutton wishes to address City Council.

Kai Sutton, President of the NAACP, addressed City Council. Ms. Sutton expressed her affirmation of the importance of the rental inspection pilot program. She noted the NAACP believed fair, safe, and dignified housing was a human right. She expressed her belief the program had the potential to protect tenants from neglect, raise community standards, and ensure accountability from property owners. Ms. Sutton added housing was about shared dignity, safety, and belonging. Ms. Sutton presented 37 citizen cards. The cards were received by the Deputy City Clerk.

15.4. Jaquilyn Moreau wishes to address City Council.

Jaquilyn Moreau, a resident of Jenny Lind Apartments, addressed City Council. Ms. Moreau expressed her belief home was a place to feel safe and welcome others with pride. She noted the elevators were out at her apartment building and parts were scheduled to be delivered July 25. Ms. Moreau further noted there were several issues with the apartment building and expressed her belief these were daily reminders their dignity, safety, and health were being neglected.

Councilmember Jenson thank Ms. Moreau for speaking. He noted at the Springfield Tenants Unite (STUN) rally he toured units and witnessed many issues discussed. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief tenants had endured many issues while still being required to pay rent on time. He noted it took months for Millenia to acknowledge there was an issue and nothing happened until the City was made aware. Councilmember Jenson noted staff had worked diligently to ensure the work would result in two working elevators. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief the tenant's frustration should be directed at Millennia, the system, and their Councilmember. He apologized and noted the work was set to begin on September 1, taking six to seven weeks to complete.

15.5. Elvester Kennedy wishes to address City Council.

Elvester Kennedy did not appear to address City Council.

15.6. Alice Barber wishes to address City Council.

Alice Barber addressed City Council. Ms. Barber urged City Council to pass a rental licensing inspection ordinance and to send the ordinance draft to City Council with the requirement for landlords or property managers to live in Springfield intact. She noted Jenny Lind tenants had spoken of suffering and the length of time taken to begin the process to assess the situation. Ms. Barber expressed her belief it was not fair, and Springfield could do better. Ms. Barber noted Lawrence, Kansas had a well-established rental inspection program and tore down less than five houses per year.

15.7. Mitchell Budd wishes to address City Council.

Mitchell Budd addressed City Council. Mr. Budd noted a median on Kansas Expressway was 14-feet wider than the sidewalk next to it. He further noted receiving three citations for standing on the median. He added there were 30 traffic fatalities in Springfield in 2021. He asked City Council to amend the code to apply to only medians less than six-feet wide.

**16. NEW BUSINESS.**

16.1. As per RSMo. 109.230 (4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk's office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State's office.

16.2. Report from the Plans and Policies Committee pertaining to referral of review and consideration of changes to General Ordinance 6913.

Councilmember McGull noted the ordinance came out of the Plans and Policies Committee intact, with only the additional provision that an informational card would be presented to the motorist whose vehicle was being towed. He added this information would include information on the tow lot and procedures of the City regarding the tow. Councilmember McGull further noted the measure was actively debated and encouraged the legislation go forward.

Councilmember Horton moved to accept the report from the Plans and Policies Committee pertaining to referral of review and consideration of changes to General Ordinance 6913. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion, and it was discussed.

Councilmember Jenson noted based off data provided in the report from the Collector's Office, there was no denying the ordinance had improved the issue of individuals being more responsible in paying owed taxes. He further noted nine vehicles were never recovered and ownership was transferred to Henry's Towing. he asked why they were never recovered. Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, responded State law allowed towing companies to address vehicles that had not been recovered at their lot. He noted the reasons the vehicles were not recovered were not known. Councilmember Jenson expressed his concern vehicles could be taken from those traveling to and from work, and the transit system would not necessarily support them. He asked if the requirement to have an inspection or repair work done contributed. Mr. Quigley responded he did not believe that to be an issue. Councilmember Jenson asked how it was possible the charges could be up to \$1,000 for a vehicle. Mr. Quigley responded there was a per day charge when a vehicle was towed.

Councilmember Horton asked if the Plans and Policies Committee evaluated the unintended consequences other than what Councilmember Jenson had outlined. Councilmember McGull responded the only unintended consequences discovered were that there needed to be a notice provision that informed individuals of the process. He added the Committee felt the notification was sufficient. Councilmember Horton asked if the transit system was discussed. Councilmember McGull responded it was not.

Councilmember Hosmer noted the Police Department did 24 tows for the registration ordinance and 2,164 for custodial arrests. He added this did not include the tows done on private property. He further noted personal property accounts increased by 67 percent, and late assessment penalties increased by 257 percent, which accounts for real dollars for public schools, individuals with developmental disabilities, libraries, and roads and bridges. He thanked the Committee Chair for looking at the issue realistically, and noted the Police Department indicated it was a successful program.

The report was accepted 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.

- 16.3. Refer to the Finance and Administration Committee a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code by enacting a new section 46-6 "Campaign finance."

Mayor Schrag noted the correct committee to review the bill was the Plans and Policies Committee, who had jurisdiction over City Code revisions. He asked if there were any objections to the matter being referred to the Plans and Policies Committee.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for clarification that any City Code revisions would be referred to the Plans and Policies Committee. Mayor Schrag responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for the measure and expressed his belief it was important to limit the ability to influence politics with money, and to ensure transparency and accountability.

With no objection, the item was referred to the Plans and Policies Committee.

- 16.4. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Garen Gilmore with term to expire December 1, 2026. Recommended.

- 16.5. The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the University of Missouri Extension Council: Chad Courtney with term to expire February 28, 2027. Recommended.

## **17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS.**

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

- 19.1. Council Bill 2025-191 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept funds in the amount of \$45,000 from Mercy Hospital Springfield through The Bobby Allison Fund for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department's Family Connects Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$45,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

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

- 20.1. Council Bill 2025-192 (Hardinger)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Dale Moore to the Galloway Community Improvement District Board of Directors, as the representative of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

Resolution 10837. Council Bill 2025-192 (Hardinger) was 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.

**20.2. Council Bill 2025-193 (Hardinger)**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept Child Care Health Consultation grant funds from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in the amount of \$19,950 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement health promotion activities to benefit children; to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$19,950 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Ordinance 28198. Council Bill 2025-193 (Hardinger) was 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.

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

**21.1. 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.)

Ordinance 28199. Council Bill 2025-181 (Adib-Yazdi) was 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.

**22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

**23. ADJOURN.**

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