



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

September 22, 2025

6:30 PM

Regional Police-Fire

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

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. September 8, 2025, City Council Meeting and September 16, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to approve the September 8, 2025, City Council Meeting and September 16, 2025, Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. 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, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, noted storm debris pickup was moving along well. He further noted finished sweeps in Zones 1 and 3, and Zones 2 and 4 were approximately 82 percent complete citywide. He added nearly 39,000 cubic yards of storm debris had been hauled away since August. Mr. Quigley noted residents in Zones 1 or 3 that still had April or June storm debris at the curb would need to call the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010 to report it.

Mr. Quigley noted the Sunshine Corridor Study was moving into its next phase. A two-day design charrette would be hosted on September 29 and 30 at Jefferson Avenue Baptist. He added this was an opportunity for the community to weigh in on design concepts and help shape the vision for this important corridor.

Mr. Quigley noted the Planning & Development Department just received a statewide award from the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association. The recognition was for their "Missing Middle Housing" workshops, which were a key part of the City's Code update and neighborhood engagement efforts.

Mr. Quigley noted the Springfield Fire Department would open a new educational exhibit, Station 3.14, at the Discovery Center on September 30. He added it featured the cab of a real fire truck and interactive safety activities for kids.

Mr. Quigley congratulated the Springfield Police Department, which recently promoted seven officers to the rank of corporal.

Mr. Quigley noted the City was proud to celebrate an important achievement for its Public Works and Environmental Services departments. He added the meeting was joined by a representative from the American Public Works Association (APWA) to recognize this accomplishment. Mr. Quigley welcomed APWA Regional Director Bill Stogsdill, who was in attendance to present this award.

Mr. Stogsdill noted accreditation was the mark of professionalism, indicating Public Works agencies that made the commitment to continuous improvement in the delivery of Public Works operations and services in the community. He added accreditation recognized an agency's policies, procedures, and practices as evaluated against nationally recognized management practices determined to be appropriate for that agency. Mr. Stogsdill noted there were 173 organizations accredited in North America. He added there were only eight in the State of Missouri, and Springfield had two. He further noted less than 1 percent of Public Works agencies were accredited. Mr. Stogsdill noted Public Works maintained responsibility for transportation and stormwater infrastructure, while Environmental Services maintained the Regional Wastewater utility and the Integrated Solid Waste Management System. He further noted the two departments had a combined workforce of over 450 employees serving the City of Springfield. Mr. Stogsdill noted this was the fourth time Springfield had earned APWA accreditation.

Mr. Stogsdill presented the plaque to Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, and Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services. He also recognized Andrew Flippen, the accreditation manager.

Councilmember Horton expressed her enthusiasm for the accreditation. She noted these departments, and their management expanded her view of public safety, and expressed her appreciation for all they do.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On. Except Item 6.1. Citizens May Speak on the Substitute Council Bill Only.

6.1. Substitute Council Bill 2025-190 (Schrag, Hosmer)

A general ordinance referring 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, to the Plans and Policies Committee; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to temporarily grant variances from the requirements of Sec. 70-36(c) of the City Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger read a statement from Mayor Schrag in his absence. It read, "I do not know the future of this ordinance, which will undergo formal Council Committee review. The new format whereby the City Manager or designee could issue business license for good reason solves a key issue. The pledge of City staff to educate businesses about the existence of this tax and its reporting requirement solves another issue. I appreciate the opportunity to reach a compromise on this issue with Councilmember Hosmer. I feel lucky to be serving on a Council like this one where compromise and congeniality is the norm and not the exception."

Ordinance 6950. Substitute Council Bill 2025-190 (Schrag, Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-195 (McGull)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 483 for the purpose of permitting a restaurant within a R-HD, High-Density Multi-Family Residential District, and the Walnut Street Urban Conservation District No. 1, Area West, generally located at 1027 East Walnut Street. (By: McField LLC; 1027 East Walnut Street; Conditional Use Permit No. 483.)

Ordinance 28206. Council Bill 2025-195 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2025-196 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3.14 acres of property generally located at 5585 South Robberson Avenue from GR, General Retail District, to Planned Development No. 393; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Springfield Land & Development Co LLC; 5585 South Robberson Avenue; Planned Development No. 393.)

Ordinance 6951. Council Bill 2025-196 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2025-197 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.0 acre of property generally located at 2808 North Fort Avenue from R-SF, Single-family residential district to R-TH, Residential townhouse district, with Conditional Overlay District No. 274; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 274; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tip Top Homes, LLC; 2808 N. Fort Avenue; Z-14-2025 w/ Conditional Overlay District No. 274.)

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found to be insufficient at 21.3 percent; therefore, a supermajority, or six votes, would not be required for passage. She added a copy of the supplemental explanation sheet was at City Council's places.

Ordinance 6952. Council Bill 2025-197 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2025-199 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Ozarks Transportation Organization for the purpose of constructing an extension of the Ward Branch Greenway Trail; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$99,337 for the purpose of funding a 20% match for said project; and authorizing the City Manager to accept donations for the purpose of funding said match.

Ordinance 28207. Council Bill 2025-199 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2025-200 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the City Manager, or designee, to enter into Schedule of Equipment No. 2 which will become a part of its existing Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of acquiring and installing equipment for the City's Parks Department and immutable backup storage hardware and software for use by the City, and to do all things necessary to carry out the lease-purchase transaction, including the execution of certain documents in connection therewith; and amending the budget of the City for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$1,143,000.

Ordinance 28208. Council Bill 2025-200 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2025-201 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VI, "Finances," Division 4, "Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System," Section 2-441 (Definitions) and Section 2-444 (Board of trustees established; membership; election of members).

Ordinance 6953. Council Bill 2025-201 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.8. Council Bill 2025-202 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-91, known as the "Merit System Rules and Regulations," by amending Merit Rules 1, 2.4, 10.1, 12.4, 16.3, 17.1, 18.1, 20.2, 24.5, and 26.7.

Ordinance 6954. Council Bill 2025-202 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.9. Council Bill 2025-203 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept grant funding from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development's Office of Apprenticeship & Work-Based Learning in the amount of \$50,000, to be utilized for the creation and support of pre-registered apprenticeship programs; enter into necessary agreements to carry out the purpose of the grant funds; and amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development in the amount of \$50,000.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the City encouraged apprenticeship programs in the private sector. He noted there were high levels of poverty and individuals that needed training for jobs. He expressed his belief the apprenticeship programs would be a good opportunity to mesh workers with available jobs. Ericka Schmeeckle, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, responded there were several grants available. She added the current grant was a \$3 million Apprenticeship Building Grant which provided a unique opportunity to provide training and supportive services, including marketing and outreach to populations that weren't typically represented. She added this was the fourth round of additional funding from the State, and that more statistics would be provided.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for a report back on how the funds were utilized and how individuals needing jobs were trained and then entering the workforce. Ms. Schmeeckle responded the information would be provided and noted participant progress was tracked.

Ordinance 28209. Council Bill 2025-203 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.10. Council Bill 2025-204 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept grant funding from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development in the amount of \$460,068, to be utilized for temporary employment opportunities focused on clean-up and recovery in Webster County; enter into necessary agreements to carry out the purpose of the grant funds; and amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development in the amount of \$460,068.

Ordinance 28210. Council Bill 2025-204 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.11. Council Bill 2025-208 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance approving City Utilities' Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for its Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation for City Utilities staff. He noted his intention to bring forward a Committee referral to review a resolution that would establish a task force to review how the City and City Utilities could work together to provide the best transit system possible.

Ordinance 6955. Council Bill 2025-208 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.12. Council Bill 2025-209 (Carroll)

A general ordinance authorizing revisions to electric rates charged by City Utilities and related terms and conditions.

Councilmember Hosmer noted he received concern from a constituent regarding the rate increase, and whether City Utilities allowed local contractors to bid on City Utilities jobs. He asked if they were subject to the same 5 percent provision for local contractors. Ms. Derdall responded she would verify and provide that information. She noted local contractors were always encouraged to bid on City Utilities jobs. Ms. Derdall further noted a question recently came to their attention about the power supply construction they were doing for batteries and combustion turbines. She noted that it was a very specialized contract, and she could not comment further as the bid had not yet been awarded. Ms. Derdall noted sometimes the non-local contractors would utilize local subcontractors. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief City Utilities did an excellent job and provided some of the lowest rates in the country. He expressed his appreciation and expressed his belief that helping local contractors also helped the City.

Ordinance 6956. Council Bill 2025-209 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

6.13. Council Bill 2025-205 (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 Chimney Rock Subdivision - Revised, generally located at 3040 South Arcadia Avenue, 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 repealing Special Ordinance 28100. (By: JCRS Development, LLC; 3040 South Arcadia Avenue; Preliminary Plat of Chimney Rock Subdivision – Revised.)

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi reviewed the history of the property, noting in 2018 there was a rezoning allowing no access to Arcadia. He added in 2023, the Pollard family bought property at the top of the hill, met with the development team, and obtained temporary access to Battlefield Road. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted the plat approved on February 10 gave them an access point from their property to the road that would have connected to Arcadia.

He noted he had met with the neighborhood teams and the development team. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi further noted he had asked the development team for some consideration. He expressed his belief the hammerhead left room to turn around and noted the hammerhead in the proposed was ten feet narrower than the standards, and the roadway width was sufficient for the needs. He suggested the Pollard property should have access directly to a right-of-way. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted the Pollards would have to change their address due to the proposed and expressed his belief this was an inconvenience. He expressed his hope that the developer would consider a 20-foot rear setback in the properties that come up to the other homes. He suggested finding a way to do a tree survey within the rear yard setbacks and that staff find a way to include Mimosa Avenue widening on the capital improvements list. He asked that a bike/pedestrian access to the Galloway Greenway Trail be considered.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation for the diligence with which citizens researched the proposed and the concerns they brought forward. He expressed his belief City Council made the best decisions when they had as much information as possible. He noted the concerns that were shared were generally similar to those brought forward for the previous version of the proposed, such as a potential sinkhole and access from Mimosa Street. He added those were two items that were normally resolved through the final plat. He expressed his trust in the development process and that concerns would be thoroughly reviewed and compliance would be achieved. Councilmember Jenson noted less than 30 homes were being proposed and expressed his belief traffic would not occur all at once and impact the level of service. He further expressed his belief the sidewalk concerns were valid and asked for improvements to be made to Mimosa Street. He noted City staff were working on a mechanism to walk alongside development whenever neighbors had valid preexisting concerns. Councilmember Jenson noted the citizens' concern over property values and further noted he had not received any data that demonstrated a negative impact. Councilmember Jenson noted it was hard for him to imagine owner-occupied properties would negatively impact neighborhood character. Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for the proposed with the caveat that the City would have to figure out how to come alongside development to address real concerns from neighbors.

Ordinance 28211. Council Bill 2025-205 (Adib-Yazdi) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-210 (Hardinger)

A resolution approving the revised investment policy statement for the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement Fund.

Tony Kelley, Administrative Director for the Springfield Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kelley noted the proposed would allow a slight change in the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) from the previous version which was approved in 2023. He further noted the IPS, by Code, included the Strategic Asset Allocation, and what the ranges would be, which were equities. He added in 2023 a Tactical Asset Allocation sheet was also included as they were de-risking the portfolio, which provided transparency. Mr. Kelley noted the proposed would repeal the Tactical Asset Allocation to allow the Board to be more proactive and quicker in making changes when needed. He further noted they needed to make some changes and focus on the liquidity of investments. He added the Board would move away from private credit and equity that locked up money for longer periods of time and move toward investing in funds that could be liquidated as needed.

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

Resolution 10839. Council Bill 2025-210 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

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 2025-211 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Scenic Avenue Bridge over Wilson's Creek project; accepting the bid of Hartman & Company, Inc. for construction of the project in the amount of \$3,087,450; 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.

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the proposed would allow replacement of the bridge on Scenic Avenue that went over Wilson's Creek. He further noted the bridge was built in 1933 and had reached the end of its lifespan cycle. Mr. Foster added the project was delayed until the Missouri Department of Transportation had defined a timeline for its project on Sunshine Street just east of Scenic Avenue. He added that project was set to end in December. Mr. Foster noted the contractor would have 120 days to perform the replacement, which included a 10-foot side path on the west side and a 5-foot sidewalk on the east side of the bridge. He further noted the 10-foot side path would connect to the Wilson's Creek Greenway Trail. He added this would close the gap on Scenic Avenue between Sunshine Street and Bennett Street.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted he had received calls from citizens utilizing Grand Avenue as a detour and asked if there had been multiple accidents at that location. Mr. Foster responded he was not aware of anything, and he would find out.

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

Ordinance 28212. Council Bill 2025-211 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-212 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the Department of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$500,000 to appropriate federal grant funds for a Brownfields Community-wide Assessment grant received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Matt Schaefer, Assistant Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Schaefer noted the proposed would allow acceptance of \$500,000 in community-wide assessment grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund environmental assessments, cleanup plans, and area-wide plans for Brownfield's redevelopment with a focus on the Chase and College Street corridors. He further noted the proposed would inventory and prioritize Brownfield's sites, engage the community, and create reuse strategies to turn underutilized and potentially contaminated sites into catalysts for new job creation and housing and business development.

Councilmember Horton asked if the coverage of College Street would go from Grant Avenue to Chestnut Expressway. Mr. Schaefer responded the focus was primarily between Grant Avenue to Chestnut Expressway. He noted he would verify this information.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-213 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$2,500,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Enterprise Fund for the construction of the Inman Sanitary Sewer Improvement project.

Errin Kemper, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow the Department of Environmental Services a budget adjustment in the amount of \$2.5 million for construction of the Inman Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. He further noted the proposed would replace undersized sewer mains along Inman Creek with a larger diameter main that would improve system capacity and renew critical infrastructure. He added the improvements would reduce frequency and severity of sewer overflows in the area. Mr. Kemper noted the project was included in the supplemental overflow control plan as part of the amended consent judgment. He added funding would allow the department to move forward with bidding and construction, and any unused funds would be returned to the Clean Water Fund.

Councilmember Lee asked for clarification of the location. Mr. Kemper responded at Walnut Lawn and Kansas. Councilmember Lee asked if a map could be provided. Mr. Kemper responded he would provide the information.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2025-214 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the Public Works Department for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by appropriating \$500,000 of Spring Forward SGF 1/2-cent sales tax revenue, as recommended by the Citizens' Advisory Board, to provide funding for engineering, community outreach, and project development for a Neighborhood Works "Plus" Program.

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the Citizens' Advisory Board unanimously approved \$500,000 in funding toward the Neighborhood Works Plus program in August. He further noted the funds would support design, engineering, community outreach, and project development for the program. He added the investment would ensure projects were prepared and could be delivered on an accelerated timeline. Mr. Foster noted the Public Works Department, Planning and Development Department, and the Office of Public Information and Civic Engagement would be working with neighborhoods in the Neighborhood Advisory Council to determine project selection criteria and perform outreach to the community. He further noted the plan was to have the first round of projects under construction in mid-summer of 2026.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for the effort. He asked if the funds would be partnered with existing Neighborhood Works funds or separate projects. Mr. Foster reposted there was already a 1/4-cent fund that allowed for Neighborhood Works and smaller projects with a \$100,000 cap. He added they would be able to utilize those funds as well, and they would have more strict guidelines on how they could be used. Councilmember Jenson noted in regard to the traditional Neighborhood Works program, he understood the City looked at those projects that were selected and funded and reviewed ways to incorporate elements into other projects to achieve cost savings. Mr. Foster reposted affirmatively and noted there would most likely be project minimums with discussion with the Neighborhood Advisory Council on how to equally distribute those across the community.

Councilmember Horton asked Mr. Foster if he attended the Citizens' Advisory Board meetings. Mr. Foster responded he had been to several meetings. Councilmember Horton asked how much had been allocated by that particular board for the effort being considered. Mr. Quigley responded the allocation was the second recommendation to spend funds out of the 1/2-cent sales tax. He further noted the first was the funding match for the Convention and Event Center project. He added this was a funding allocation they were reviewing for Fiscal Year 2027. Mr. Quigley noted they were recommending \$5 million for the neighborhood out of FY27 with \$10 million set aside for the Parks and Trails, and \$15 million set aside for reserves. He added specific projects would be brought to the Citizens' Advisory Board and the members would then make recommendations to City Council.

Councilmember Horton asked if the \$5 million for neighborhoods was a recommended allocation for one year or over a period of the sales tax duration. Mr. Quigley responded the recommendation was for FY27, and the Board was talking through what funding would look like throughout the whole program. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the funding was a good start. Mr. Quigley responded it was a budget adjustment so it could be ready to go on July 1 for recommended projects.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if any of the recommendations would be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee. Mr. Quigley responded they would not as that was not the process that was approved. He added the Board members would make recommendations directly to City Council. Councilmember Hosmer asked for a copy of the resolution. Mr. Quigley responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Lee noted it was important that the City apply for grants to attempt to spread the money out. He further noted the design would take time and expressed his belief he would rather spread the money out and take the time to obtain public/private donations to assist with the projects. He expressed his hope the City would be intentional in obtaining extra funding. Mr. Quigley responded one of the eight criteria included was the ability to receive additional funding.

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

14.4. Council Bill 2025-215 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Agreement for Crossing Closure and/or Roadway Improvements with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission ("MHTC") and BNSF Railway Company, for the purpose of closing an existing grade crossing in the vicinity of Mill Street between Campbell Avenue and Boonville Avenue; and amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$200,000 to appropriate contributions from MHTC and BNSF for this project.

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the proposed would formalize a cooperative agreement between the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), and the City. He further noted they were investing together in the quality of place and safety of the Renew Jordan Creek project. Mr. Foster added the pedestrian crossing on Mill Creek would be eliminated, and with the removal of the parking facility across the street, the new open channel and pedestrian mall would eliminate the need for a mid-block pedestrian crossing.

He expressed his belief pedestrian safety would improve as the crossings of Boonville and Campbell Avenue were upgraded. He added it would also service Missouri State University facilities. Mr. Foster noted BNSF and MoDOT contributed \$100,000 each.

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. Mitchell Budd wishes to address City Council.

Mitchell Budd did not appear.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

- 16.1. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointments to the Landmarks Board: Erik Kiser and John Sellars, with terms to expire November 1, 2028. Recommended.
- 16.2. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board: Louise Wienckowski with term to expire October 1, 2028. Recommended.
- 16.3. The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board: Sarah White with term to expire October 1, 2028. Recommended.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

21.1. Council Bill 2025-206 (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 Fort Amor, generally located at 2808 North Fort Avenue, 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: Tip Top Homes, LLC; 2808 North Fort Avenue; Preliminary Plat of Fort Amor.)

Ordinance 28213. Council Bill 2025-206 (Horton) was by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

21.2. Confirm the following appointments to Tree City USA: Ben Tegeler and Sean McKiernan with terms to expire December 1, 2027. Confirmed.

21.3. Confirm the following appointment to Tree City USA: Anna Dowell with term to expire December 1, 2028. Confirmed.

21.4. Confirm the following reappointment to Tree City USA: Nancy Evans with term to expire December 1, 2027. Confirmed.

21.5. Confirm the following appointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority: Jacob Saylor with term to expire March 1, 2029. Confirmed.

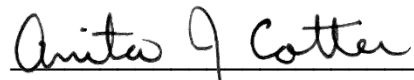
21.6. Confirm the following reappointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority: Ben Edmondson with term to expire March 1, 2027. Confirmed.

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, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: Mayor Schrag. Abstain: None.

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk