City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Jeff Schrag, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers	**General Councilmembers**
Monica Horton, Zone 1	Heather Hardinger, General A
Abe McGull, Zone 2	Craig Hosmer, General B
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3	Callie Carroll, General C
Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Zone 4	Derek Lee, General D

June 9, 2025	**6:30 PM**	**Regional Police-Fire Training Center 2620 West Battlefield Road Room 101, 102, and 103**

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the May 19, 2025, City Council meeting and the May 27, 2025, Special City Council meeting will be presented for City Council consideration at the June 23, 2025, City Council meeting.

Mayor Schrag noted the Mayor Pro Tem was absent. He further noted he would accept a motion to appoint a temporary presiding officer. Councilmember Carroll nominated Councilmember Jenson. Councilmember Horton seconded the motion, and there was no opposition to the nomination.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

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

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, noted in Quarter 1, 2025, the Springfield Fire Department responded to 3,021 calls, including 159 fires and 755 medical/rescue incidents. The Department also installed 304 smoke alarms. Fire Chief David Pennington provided a report to City Council for review. He further noted Firefighters from Academy Class 524 completed probation and earned their black helmets — a major career milestone.

Mr. Quigley noted applications were open for the Springfield Police Department's free “Share the Road” motorcycle safety course on Saturday, June 14. The free course aimed to reduce motorcycle crashes through rider education. He added applications were due by noon on Thursday, June 12.

Mr. Quigley noted approximately 100 attendees joined the Sunshine Street Corridor Open House to provide feedback on future improvements. He added a public design charrette was planned for later this summer, with a final report expected by early 2026.

Mr. Quigley noted a new summer activity, the Greene Goosechase, invited residents to explore green spaces through an app-based scavenger hunt. He added participants would learn about sustainability through fun, interactive challenges. More information was available at springfieldmo.gov/GreeneGoosechase.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-116 (Horton, Jenson, Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of $1,000,000 to appropriate additional interest revenue for the purpose of assisting with cleanup of recent storm damage; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(1) of the City Charter.

Ordinance 28152. Council Bill 2025-116 (Horton, Jenson, Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-105 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, ‘City Limits,’ and Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, ‘Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,’ for the purpose of annexing approximately 3.34 acres of private property generally located at 3358 North Mulroy Road and 5242 East Farm Road 104 into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-5-2025.

Ordinance 6928. Council Bill 2025-105 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2025-106 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the First Amendment to the Brody Corners Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") Redevelopment Plan to allow residential use within the Redevelopment Area; and directing the City Manager, or designee, to implement such changes to the Brody Corners TIF Redevelopment Plan.

Ordinance 28153. Council Bill 2025-106 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2025-107 (Carroll)

A special ordinance setting a preliminary tax levy on real and personal property for current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(5) of the City Charter.

Ordinance 28154. Council Bill 2025-107 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2025-108 (Lee)

A special ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(3) of the City Charter.

Councilmember Jenson noted he would offer an amendment to the proposed. He further noted there was a line item that included an amount of funding for renovations of the Bush Municipal Building first floor lobby. He added the lobby, although aged, was fully functional. He added after talking with staff, he recognized this was a non-critical need not included in any previous capital improvement plans, and it was using ongoing funding for a one-time need. Councilmember Jenson noted it was to fund scoping with no currently-executed contracts.

Councilmember Jenson moved Council Bill 2025-108 be amended by deleting $458,342 from the Bush Municipal Building first floor renovation and adding $458,342 to reserves for potential use in a rental inspection program. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion and discussion continued.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief the rental inspection program was a more pressing need and noted the funds could be reallocated back to the lobby renovation if not used for a rental inspection program.

Councilmember Horton expressed her support for the amendment. She added $35 per unit, per year in the West Central Neighborhood would not be enough funding to cover the cost. Councilmember Horton thanked Martin Gugel, Director of Building Development Services, and the department for their efforts. She expressed her belief it was time to go forward with the program.

The motion to amend Council Bill 2025-108 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Nays: Mayor Schrag. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Simpson. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the Council Bill was subject to a vote that night with the amendment. Jordan Paul, City Attorney, responded it was because of the emergency clause. Councilmember Hosmer asked the deadline to vote on the budget. Mr. Paul responded the next meeting.

Ordinance 28155. Amended Council Bill 2025-108 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Simpson. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2025-110 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources whereby the City agrees to financially secure the future closure and post-closure care of all currently active and previously completed portions of the City’s Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill.

Ordinance 28156. Council Bill 2025-110 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2025-111 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of $135,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Solid Waste Fund to acquire one parcel of property adjacent to the Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary landfill; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract for said property acquisition.

Ordinance 28157. Council Bill 2025-111 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.8. Council Bill 2025-112 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the Tourism/Convention Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of $250,000 to appropriate reserves from the Tourism/Convention Fund for the purpose of assessing various projects to attract travel and tourism.

Ordinance 28158. Council Bill 2025-112 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.9. Council Bill 2025-113 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 98 'Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places,' Article VI 'Improvements,' Section 98-211 'Advertisement for bids,' to update requirements for advertising for bids on public improvements.

Ordinance 6929. Council Bill 2025-113 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.10. Council Bill 2025-114 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an OzarksTraffic CCTV Access Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Board of Governors for Missouri State University, for the purpose of sharing video from the closed-circuit television traffic monitoring cameras owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Springfield, Missouri, throughout the regional roadway network.

Ordinance 28159. Council Bill 2025-114 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-118 (Hardinger)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant of up to $25,000,000 from the United States Department of Transportation for safety improvements to locations on the High Injury Network.

Scott Bachman, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Bachman noted in August 2024, City Council adopted a division zero approach to traffic safety know as Safer Streets SGF. In January 2025, the Ozarks Transportation Organization adopted a regional safety action plan entitled Destination Safe Streets. He further noted the two actions enabled the City to apply for Federal Safe Streets and Roads For All funding.

He added the proposed would allow for application for up to $25 million of federal funds to improve segments of South Campbell Avenue. Mr. Bachman noted the funding would require a 20 percent local match, which would be sourced from the 1/8-cent transportation tax.

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

Resolution 10827. Council Bill 2025-118 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-119 (Lee)

A resolution adopting a Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029 for the purpose of continuing to receive entitlement funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required a formal plan be submitted annually to receive the funds, and every five years there was a requirement for extensive community input for developing the five-year plan. He further noted two main methods were used to obtain community input: a 21-question survey and in-person meetings. He added there were 35 in-person meetings held with 52 organizations represented, and there were 1,485 survey responses. Mr. Jones noted the top scoring programs were affordable housing, public services, economic development, and public improvements.

Mr. Jones noted the top choices in affordable housing were rental construction and rehabilitation and homeownership assistance. He added economic development programs indicated the highest need was vocational training, business mentoring, and business incentive loans. He further noted the three highest scoring programs involved homeless prevention and homeless services, with transitional housing in fourth place. He added funds were limited and were not usually applied for public facility or public and private improvements. He noted comments regarding barriers to fair housing included low wages, housing for seniors or persons with disability, and a general lack of knowledge.

Mr. Jones provided an overview of the survey participants. He noted a large majority had lived in the City for over 11 years and approximately 40 percent of participants were in the low-income category. Mr. Jones added minority participants closely approximated the percentage of each minority group per the 2024 Census.

Mr. Jones noted the purpose of the five-year plan was to look for various ways to address needs that exceeded the grant amounts by breaking them into annual amounts. He added the expected income from loan programs was included. He added Congressional delay in giving the allocations to HUD created a short timeline for the application.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Jones and staff for their work. He asked if any new housing programs would be proposed. Mr. Jones responded there could possibly be development of housing for sale.

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

Resolution 10828. Council Bill 2025-119 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

7.3. Council Bill 2025-120 (Hosmer)
A resolution affirming the City of Springfield's support of law enforcement, affirming the City of Springfield's commitment to public safety and stating the City Council's support for the Missouri Blue Shield Program.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Williams noted the proposed would provide formal support for the Police Department's application to the Blue Shield program. He further noted formal adoption of the proposed was the last requirement needed to fulfill the requirements of the application.

Councilmember Horton asked how much funding was anticipated to be made available as a result of the declaration. Chief Williams responded there was approximately $10 million total in the State budget of the Blue Shield program. Councilmember Horton asked if the program were a multi-year program. Chief Williams responded affirmatively. Councilmember Horton asked if the Gun Safety and Violence Collaborative would be eligible for the funds. Chief Williams responded affirmatively.

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

Resolution 10829. Council Bill 2025-120 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.
Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2025-121 (Horton)
A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 104 acres of property generally located at 3299, 3373, and 3449 North Vernon Road from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District to Planned Development No. 391; and

adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Hulston Investments Inc. & Laura Hawkins-Morris et al; 3299, 3373 and 3449 North Vernon Road (Farm Road 159); Planned Development No. 391).

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow rezoning of approximately 104 acres from Residential Single-Family to Planned Development 391. He further noted this was one of the last large undeveloped pieces of property in the City. He added the development came through the regular pre-development process. Mr. Crighton noted the new code allowed for mixing in of different types of housing units. He further noted there would be 219 units of Single-Family Residential, dedicated open space, Multi-Family Residential with 40 units per acre maximum, multi-unit dwellings at 20 units per acre, commercial space, and 84 units of small format Single-Family dwellings.

Mr. Crighton noted the average gross density was approximately 9.5 dwellings per acre. He further noted it would have been approximately 8 dwelling units per acre if developed as a conventional Single-Family Subdivision. Mr. Crighton added the proposed aligned with Forward SGF as it would expand housing options. He noted the proposed Planned Development was compatible with surrounding land uses and infrastructure capacity. He noted the community had expressed concerns regarding traffic and flooding.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there were twelve speakers and in consideration of City Council policy, each speaker would be allowed three minutes each.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Derrick Estell, a representative of the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Estell thanked staff for their work. He noted changes were made to the initial application to bring it in line with Forward SGF. He added higher density and mixed-use development was incorporated. Mr. Estell noted density was adjusted slightly to accommodate neighborhood concerns. He further noted a traffic impact study was conducted. Mr. Estell added the preliminary plat would outline the lots and public infrastructure, and a major thoroughfare plan amendment would be proposed.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the site was chosen for the level of density because there were no tracts of that size in Center City. Mr. Estell responded affirmatively. Councilmember Jenson asked how the geographical constraints on the site were accommodated. Mr. Estell responded there was a sinkhole on the site, and a preliminary geotechnical engineering study was conducted to define the limits of the sinkhole. He added there were streams through the site, and the plan ensured the 200 and 100-foot stream buffers were maintained.

Councilmember Jenson asked how stormwater would be managed. Mr. Estell responded they would go through the City's Public Improvement Plan Review process to ensure detention was provided where necessary.

Councilmember Horton asked Mr. Estell to describe any employment centers near the area. Mr. Estell responded the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, commercial use on Norton Road, and commercial uses at Glenstone Avenue and Norton Road. Councilmember Horton noted the Kearney Street area as a potential employment center. She noted Restore SGF projects in the area could be a catalyst and asked if the proposed could be a catalyst site. Mr. Estell responded affirmatively. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief the development could be a missing piece for the area. Councilmember Horton asked if it had been considered to switch Area E to the west end and have all single-family on the east side. Mr. Estell responded Area E was single-family on a smaller scale. He added there was flexibility. Mr. Estell noted higher density was generally kept closer to the arterial streets.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted the area was designed as mixed residential in the future land-use area and asked if general uses, such as traffic patterns and density, were what was being discussed. Mr. Estell responded affirmatively and noted they would go through a formal design stage which would come to City Council before the beginning of construction. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if there was discussion regarding the area of Summit Avenue south of the project for improvements to that section of the road. Mr. Estell responded affirmatively. He further noted there were improvements necessary at Summit Avenue and Norton Road, and the north/south segment of Summit Avenue was adequate for the proposed development.

Stu Stenger, a representative of the developer, noted there were two tracts of approximately 104 acres. He further noted they had spoken with staff and realized there was an opportunity. Mr. Stenger expressed his belief there was a need for different types of housing, and for affordable housing. He added there was a need for lower cost which caused a smaller lot size. Mr. Stenger noted the development had 30 acres of green space. He further noted the commercial space would allow for coffee shops and that type of business. He added there would not be convenience stores.

Councilmember Horton noted she could not recall any significant private commercial developments or investment in the north side. She expressed her belief this was an area underserved by quality, private, and commercial investment. Councilmember Horton asked Mr. Stenger if they were local. He responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if Mr. Stenger had any idea about phasing or a planning timeline. Mr. Stenger responded the first step would be returning to City Council with plats.

Phillip Watts addressed City Council. Mr. Watts expressed his belief the numbers being used for gross density were not realistic or representative of the project. He noted the plan was for 574 apartment units, 84 small-format homes, and 219 single-family homes on 4,000-square-foot lots. Mr. Watts noted the greenspace contained a sinkhole and utility easement. He further noted the density would be at least three times greater than existing subdivisions.

Megan Herzog, Executive Director of the Springfield Contractors Association, addressed City Council. Ms. Herzog thanked City Council for their leadership. She expressed her support for consistent, thoughtful growth and a development process that offered clarity and fairness to everyone involved. She acknowledged Springfield continued to grow and expressed her belief it was necessary to make room for that growth by encouraging a range of housing options. Ms. Herzog noted change was hard but also necessary to keep Springfield competitive and meet the needs of a growing demand for housing.

Robert Bornert addressed City Council. Mr. Bornert expressed his concern for Area C and what type of commercial businesses would be allowed.

Kimberly Armel addressed City Council. Ms. Armel expressed her concern for the intensity of the proposed. She expressed her belief the peace, health, and welfare of current residents would diminish. Ms. Armel further expressed her belief the development would cause reduced home value and enhanced traffic noise.

Ben Shantz addressed City Council. Mr. Shantz noted the plan presented had been given a lot of thought. He expressed his belief the plan had missing middle types and could be a catalyst to the neglected area.

Wayne Dering addressed City Council. Mr. Dering expressed his belief the area was not neglected. He noted the homeowners did not want the intrusion. Mr. Dering further expressed his belief current residents did not want to live in an urban area and did not want increased traffic.

Jeff Bucklew addressed City Council. Mr. Bucklew expressed his belief single-family development was preferred. He noted the proposed failed with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Bucklew expressed his belief the development would negatively impact property values.

Councilmember Hosmer asked what the basis was for failure with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Bucklew noted it failed. He further noted the notice was sent to those within 180 feet of the property and asked for questions. Mr. Bucklew noted he sent in approximately 25 questions, and the answers were not clear. He expressed his belief the Commission felt there was too much density for the types of housing. He noted the area was almost a rural area with larger lots.

Amy Blansit, founder of the Drew Lewis Foundation, addressed City Council. Ms. Blansit expressed her belief change was hard and noted she understood the concerns. Ms. Blansit noted there were families struggling and seeking affordable housing. She further noted seniors seeking smaller units with walkable neighborhoods must be considered. She expressed her belief there were individuals wanting small, low-maintenance lots and connectivity to neighbors.

Jim Bumgarner addressed City Council. Mr. Bumgarner questioned why the property had never been developed but expressed his belief the development was wrong. He noted their area was rural and expressed his belief no more apartments were needed on the north side. Mr.
Bumgarner expressed his belief single-family homes with larger lots would be preferred.

Shawn Berry, a representative of Toth Associates, addressed City Council in support of the proposed. Mr. Berry noted the major thoroughfare plan was presented to the Ozarks Transportation Organization and tentatively approved. He further noted they intended to remove the major thoroughfare from the plan to stop the corridor from going east to west at the property, reducing the overall traffic impacts. He further noted they were planning to rebuild Summit Avenue as a secondary arterial. Mr. Berry noted sidewalk was added along Vernon Street. He added there was a 185-foot notification process, and the developer added reaching out to any party in the 500-foot radius that attended the neighborhood meeting. Mr. Berry expressed his belief the plan was laid out as what best worked with the topography.

Councilmember Horton thanked Mr. Berry and asked where the sidewalks would be located. Mr. Berry responded going north and south, south of Vernon Avenue paralleling the development. Councilmember Horton asked if there were plans for a Police Station in the area. Mr. Quigley noted Fire Station 4 was located at Kearney Street and Delaware Avenue. Mr. Quigley was not aware of any immediate plans for additional stations. Mr. Quigley noted a map of the station locations could be provided.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2025-122 (Adib-Yazdi, Jenson, McGull)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the 2024 ADA Project STBG-5900 (852), Plan No. 2023PW0060 Project, the general purpose of which is to construct sidewalk and intersection ramp improvements in various locations as part of the City’s ADA Transition Plan; accepting the bid of Radmacher Brothers Excavating Co., Inc. for construction of the project in the amount of $668,089.00; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Jason Saliba, Professional Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Saliba noted in 2023 the City of Springfield and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission entered into a surface transportation block grant program agreement for an 80/20 cost share for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at 84 intersections for an estimated $1.35 million. He further noted four bids were received and the low bid of $668,000 was received from Radmacher Borthers Excavating. Mr. Saliba noted the City's share would be approximately $133,000 funded by the 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund. The proposed would allow award of the bid to Radmacher Brothers.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if there were any concerns with the bid being low. Mr. Saliba responded they bid the project as filler work between larger jobs.

Councilmember Jenson asked for a detail of work along Campbell Avenue. Mr. Saliba responded it would connect existing sidewalks and expand the sidewalk out to five feet to create passing zones.

Ordinance 28160. Council Bill 2025-122 (Adib-Yazdi, Jenson, McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

13.2. Council Bill 2025-123 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Marketing Platform Development agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Tourism, for the purpose of accepting up to $30,000 in grant funding for welcome and wayfinding signs; amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of $30,000 to appropriate the state Marketing Platform Development grant funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Tim Rosenbury, Director of Quality of Place Initiatives, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Rosenbury noted the proposed would allow receipt of grant funds from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Tourism. He added the funds would be used with a local match from wayfinding signs and signage upgrades through the City. Mr. Rosenbury noted the funds would be in the amount of $30,000.

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

Ordinance 28161. Council Bill 2025-123 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-124 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds in the amount of $1,489,039 and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”) funds in the amount of $1,013,179.74 pursuant to the Consolidated Plan; to accept CDBG and HOME funds if awarded and enter into agreements necessary to accept and carry out any such grants; and approving the grant project recommendations.

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the proposed would allow applications for two United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. He further noted over the past 30 years, the loan and grant programs had provided decent, safe, and affordable housing, promoted neighborhood stability, created jobs, and assisted homeless service providers. Mr. Jones noted the HOME program averaged over $1.4 million and the CDBG program averaged $1.2 million. He added the revenue was reused for HUD-eligible projects. Mr. Jones noted the CDBG had more flexible uses that had to be used to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The current use of CDBG funds included loans for businesses to create jobs for low-income persons. The funds were also used to support affordable housing development. He added the funds provided limited support of approximately $200,000 annually to several nonprofit agencies.

Mr. Jones noted HOME funds had to be used for rental housing or homeownership programs. He added local uses of HOME funds were loans for the creation of affordable rental houses, as well as down payment assistance and closing costs.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-125 (Horton)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Airport, in the amount of $665,000 to appropriate reserves from the Capital Improvement Fund to supplement the current budget of the Airport Terminal Flooring Project.

Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Weiler noted the proposed would allow for a budget adjustment to proceed with a major flooring project in the Airport terminal. He noted the airline terminal was 16 years old, and the carpet had been cleaned twice per week during that time, creating wear and tear. Mr. Weiler noted the current carpet was based on the Ozarks outdoors. Mr. Weiler noted the contractor was chosen on a multifaceted approach. He added the selected contractor came in at approximately $4.3 million, and the Airport Board awarded the project. Mr. Weiler noted the project funding would come from Airport Reserve Funds generated at the Airport. He added it would be a 42-week multiphase project.

Councilmember Lee expressed his belief the renderings looked great.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2025-126 (Horton)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services, in the amount of $1,870,000, to appropriate retained earnings of the Clean Water Fund for design of the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Improvements Project.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow design work for a series of important upgrades to address several things at the Northwest Treatment Plant, including primary treatment, aeration, disinfection, and sludge handling. He further noted it also included architectural improvements and a new maintenance building.

Mr. Kemper noted the improvements supported the long-term regulatory obligations under the overflow control plan and were consistent with what was outlined in the capital improvement plan. He added the $1.87 million request included a 10-percent contingency for unforeseen design issues, and any unused funds would be returned to the Clean Water Fund.

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bill 2025-127, 2025-128, 2025-129, and 2025-130 together. The summary for all four bills can be found under Council Bill 2025-130.

14.4. Council Bill 2025-127 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri (the “City”), to enter into a collective bargaining agreement (the “CBA”) with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753 (“IBEW”) regarding a bargaining unit within the City’s Crafts, Trades, and Labor employee group; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the same; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the IBEW regarding matters of interpretation of the CBA.

14.5. Council Bill 2025-128 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri (the “City”), to enter into a First Amendment to the July 1, 2024, Collective Bargaining Agreement (the “CBA”) with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO Union Number 753 (“IBEW”) regarding a bargaining unit within the City’s Professional, Administrative, and Technical employee group for the purpose of increasing salaries; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the same; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the IBEW regarding matters of interpretation of the CBA.

14.6. Council Bill 2025-129 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri (the “City”), to enter into a First Amendment to the July 1, 2024, Collective Bargaining Agreement (the “CBA”) with the Springfield Police Officers’ Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22 (“SPOA”) for the purpose of increasing salaries; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the same; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the SPOA regarding matters of interpretation of the CBA.

14.7. Council Bill 2025-130 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri (the “City”), to enter into a First Amendment to the July 1, 2024, Collective Bargaining Agreement (the “CBA”) with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152 (“IAFF”) for the purpose of increasing salaries; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the same; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the IAFF regarding matters of interpretation of the CBA.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the Council Bills were a result of the annual labor negotiations for four of the bargaining units. Ms. Morrison further noted the first was the result of annual negotiations with the IBW Crafts, Trades, and Labor bargaining unit. She added this was a full contract year for the group, and the contract covered a wide range of pay and benefit improvements. Ms. Morrison noted funding of merit steps for Fiscal Year 26, along with a 2.5-percent increase for the top step to make it a full merit step, was recommended. She added there were some recommendations for out of title for CTL employees who were filling in for non-supervisory Professional, Administrative, and Technical employees within certain parameters.

Ms. Morrison noted the IBEW PAT group had a wage reopener only year. She noted the recommendations was for funding of merit steps for Fiscal Year 26 for the addition of 2.5-percent to the top step to make a full merit step, and a 2.1-percent across-the-board pay increase.

Ms. Morrison noted the two remaining Council Bills for the Springfield Police Officers Association (SPOA) and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) were both wage reopened negotiations. She added the focus from both unions was to make significant improvements to pay as recommended by the Citizens Commission on Community Investment and approved by City Council. Ms. Morrison noted both pay increases would move the salaries to the upper third of the City Salary Survey. She further noted the Police positions would receive a 13.5-percent across-the-board increase in addition to funding merit steps, and most positions in the Fire Union would receive a 22-percent across-the-board increase in addition to funding of merit steps. She added the significant pay increases were made possible by the 1/4-cent sales tax portion of the new 3/4-cent sales tax approved last November. Ms. Morrison noted if approved, the increases would be effective July 13, with a corresponding pay date of July 31.

Councilmember Jenson asked when a Council Bill was anticipated to come forward to allow Human Resources the flexibility to make these types of changes without coming back to City Council. Ms. Morrison responded they were working with the Law Department on a merit rule change that would first go to the Personnel Board. Councilmember Jenson asked about the difference between increases in the Fire Department and Police Department. Ms. Morrison responded the goal was to move the positions into the upper third of the Salary Survey, and there was more ground to cover with Fire positions.

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

City Council recessed at 8:35 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

14.8. Council Bill 2025-131 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92. “Salary Ordinance,” by amending job titles within the City service to add or delete various job titles; by providing pay adjustments for non-bargaining unit employees on the following salary schedules: Professional, Administrative, and Technical (Non-Union and Unclassified), Crafts, Trades and Labor Non-Union, Fire Protection Schedule Non-Union (80 and 112 Hour), and Law Enforcement Schedule Non-Union; and by incorporating pay improvements impacting bargaining unit members that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed addressed pay and benefits for non-union employees. She further noted the proposed requested the addition and deletion of several routing job titles based on department reorganizations and job studies. She noted the recommendations for pay increases for non-union employees included funding of merit steps for Fiscal Year 2026, and 2.5-percent increase for the top step, making this a full step. Ms. Morrison further noted a 2.1-percent across-the-board pay increase was recommended for non-union employees. She added an 18-percent across-the-board pay increase was recommended for non-union Fire Commanders, and a 13.5-percent increase for Law Enforcement Commanders. She noted pay changes would be in effect for the pay period beginning July 13 with a corresponding pay date of July 31.

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

14.9. Council Bill 2025-132 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-91, known as the "Merit System Rules and Regulations," by amending Merit Rule 22.5 Life Insurance - Bomb Squad, Water Rescue, and Hazardous Materials Teams for the purpose of adding Technical Rescue.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the Council Bill dealt with specialty teams with the Fire Department and would align with current and past practices regarding the inclusion of the Technical Rescue Team and specialty teams for the Fire Department. She added the Technical Rescue Team was not listed in the merit rule to receive an additional benefit received by specialty teams. She further noted the specialty teams received an additional benefit of a life insurance benefit that allowed coverage for dismemberment. Ms. Morrison added these teams could encounter higher levels of risk and hazard associated with exposures to dangerous materials and working environments regarding specialized skills and equipment.

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

14.10. Council Bill 2025-133 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., d/b/a Visit Springfield, Missouri, in an amount to equal forty-seven percent (47%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax, estimated to be $4,421,575 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism within the City of Springfield.

Mark Hecquet, President/CEO of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hecquet expressed his belief this was an exciting time for the tourism community. He noted the next 18 months would be transformative as the City would be in the national spotlight in April with the Route 66 Centennial celebrations. He added the World Cup would be in Kansas City, putting Missouri in the national spotlight. Mr. Hecquet noted the Cooper Killian Sports Complex developments created an exciting opportunity for the City to shine as a destination. He added Visit Springfield continued to push forward for a new convention event center. Mr. Hecquet noted there was a 2.3-percent increase in the tax generation that was split between short-term rentals and hotels. He further noted they were expecting a higher increase in the next year. Mr. Hecquet added some fund balance was used to pay for obligations to the Cooper Sports Complex and for a new branding initiative. He noted they were focusing on increasing sales efforts in lieu of the Route 66 Centennial. He added payroll had decreased by 2.2-percent. Mr. Hecquet further noted they were leading a number of initiatives, such as a new sculpture series, Gateway Monument project, and way to amplify the brand Visit Springfield. He added they were also working to expand their international reach.

Councilmember Hosmer asked how the budget for promotion of tourism in Springfield compared to other cities of the same size. Mr. Hecquet responded he would need to do more research. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief tourism helped every business in Springfield and more could be done with more resources. Councilmember Hosmer asked how much money had been collected from short-term rentals. Mr. Hecquet responded approximately $150,000 per year. Councilmember Hosmer noted he would like staff to provide an update on the number of short-term rentals in the city and the compliance numbers.

Councilmember Horton thanked Mr. Hecquet for the drone show which occurred around holiday times and expressed her belief it was good for promoting the image of the area.

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

14.11. Council Bill 2025-134 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Inc., in an amount to equal four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax, estimated to be $339,750 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, to promote the attraction of sporting events to the community.

Lance Kettering, Executive Director of the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kettering expressed his appreciation for the support of the voters regarding the 4.5 percent of the hotel motel tax being invested in the Sports Commission. He noted the investment was projected to generate approximately $340,000 to the Sports Commission and added it was critical to their mission. Mr. Kettering noted in Fiscal Year 2025, they had booked events that would generate approximately 40,000 room nights for the community. He further noted they anticipated finishing the year strong with an estimated $29 million in direct economic spending generated by sporting events. Mr. Kettering noted a four-year agreement was signed for USA BMX to come to Springfield, and the AAU Track and Field would also be in Springfield at JFK Stadium. He further noted other events coming would be USA Archery and the Special Olympics. He noted upcoming improvements at the Cooper and Killian Complex would strengthen Springfield going forward as a premier destination for sports tourism.

Councilmember Carroll what was missing in Springfield. Mr. Kettering responded an anchor indoor component.

Councilmember Hosmer asked Mr. Kettering to provide a comparison of the budgets for sports commissions of similar-sized cities. Mr. Kettering responded this would be researched.

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

14.12. Council Bill 2025-135 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Regional Arts Council, Inc., in an amount to equal four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the City's proceeds from the hotel/motel gross receipts tax, estimated to be $339,750 for fiscal year 2025-2026, to support the visual and performing arts within the City of Springfield.

Courtney Pinkham-Martin, Springfield Regional Arts Council (SAC) Board President, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Pinkham-Martin noted the mission of the SAC was to advocate, educate, and collaborate. She further noted they advocate on behalf of all arts and culture to build a thriving community. Ms. Pinkham-Martin noted the arts sector generated approximately $89.2 million in direct economic activity, with 1.8 million attendees to arts and cultural events. Ms. Pinkham-Martin further noted 1,160 jobs were supported, generating $50 million in household income. She added they were working on a cultural plan to provide a strategic roadmap to enhance the support and cultural vitality of the region. Ms. Pinkham-Martin noted educational programming included targeting students and educators in grades K through 8. She added they were partnering with teams at Harmony House and the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield. Ms. Pinkham-Martin noted programming and cultural development included arts on Historic Walnut Street, First Friday Art Walk, and the primary art center facility. She further noted they were able to distribute a total of $220,000 to 24 local and regional arts organizations.

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

14.13. Council Bill 2025-068 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Springfield City Code, 'Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations,' Article II, "Business and Occupational Licenses in General,' Division 1, 'Generally,' Sections 70-36, 'Application for license,' and 70-44, 'Payment of other taxes and special charges prerequisite to issuance of license,' for the purpose of requiring proof of payment of all personal property taxes as a prerequisite of obtaining an occupational license.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would amend the City Code to require proof of payment of personal property taxes as a prerequisite to obtaining a City Business License. He further noted the Council Bill was referred to the Plans and Policies Committee on March 24, 2025, and the Committee had not met since then. He added since they had not met, the sponsor requested the Council Bill be returned to City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Hosmer noted he asked the Council Bill to be brought back to City Council for consideration. He noted the County Collector, and the County Assessor asked for support. He further noted they had noted 60 percent of businesses in Greene County had not paid their personal property tax to the County. Councilmember Hosmer noted payment of personal property tax was an obligation everyone had and added most of the tax went to support schools, libraries, individuals with developmental disabilities, and needs such as roads and bridges. Councilmember Hosmer further noted an ordinance regarding payment of personal property tax to register vehicles was previously passed and $4.3 million in back taxes was collected. He added there was currently no enforcement mechanism for businesses to pay their personal property tax.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked about the details of 60 percent of businesses not paying personal property tax. Councilmember Hosmer responded of the 11,400 licensed businesses, only 4,000 had paid their personal property tax. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked for clarification of personal property. Councilmember Hosmer responded personal property of the business.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for the effort. He noted supporting referral of the Council Bill to Committee and expressed his belief there could be the possibility of unintended consequences. Councilmember Jenson further expressed his belief there had been stagnation in the Committee, but did not believe that process should be disregarded. Councilmember Hosmer responded the Committee process could be lengthy, and the Council Bill would require individuals to provide proof of payment before being issued a business license.

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

14.14. Council Bill 2025-136 (Adib-Yazdi)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Hidden Gem Estates, generally located at 6116 South Farm Road 175, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance; and authorizing gates across private streets.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the proposed on March 13, and the plat was moved to City Council for consideration. He further noted the plat included streets and easements, with a private gate across public right-of-way. He noted on April 7 at the City Council Public Hearing, members of the Doran family expressed concerns regarding their family cemetery on the property. Mr. Crighton noted on April 20, the proposed was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission to provide a recommendation regarding the gate. He further noted at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on April 21, the parties involved were given time to negotiate and, at the end of the meeting, both parties came forward with an agreement. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed was before City Council with the option to approve the plat with the gate, approve the plat without the gate, or approve the plat with additional conditions. Mayor Schrag asked if City Council could also reject the proposed. Mr. Paul responded the preliminary plat piece was the same analysis as for any preliminary plat. He added that unless there was an issue with the subdivision regulations, it was recommended the plat be approved. Mr. Paul noted the gate could be approved or removed.

Councilmember Lee noted the Planning and Zoning Commission approval was based on a seven-point agreement between the two parties and now the parties no longer agreed. He asked if the proposed should be sent back to the Planning and Zoning Commission since there was language that had not been worked out. Mr. Paul responded the language agreed to was included in the proposed and the option to approve the gate was at the sole discretion of City Council. Steve Childers, Director of Planning and Development, noted the Planning and Zoning Commission moved the item to the end of the agenda to give the developer and the family an opportunity to come to an agreement. He further noted at the end of the meeting, the two parties provided their agreement to the Commission. He added the agreement fell apart between the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the City Council meeting. Mr. Childers noted it was conveyed that the Public Works Department would allow for the southeast entrance to serve as access to the cemetery.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked if access to the cemetery was part of the legislative requirement. Mr. Childers responded reasonable access would not be found in the Subdivision Codes. He added the issue of maintenance, fencing materials, and signage would be an agreement between private citizens.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Terri Herman, property owner, addressed City Council. Ms. Herman noted she had contacted City Council members regarding the proposed. She further noted she did not agree with points one through seven and requested the language be removed. Ms. Herman noted they were fine with the previous request for access and everything else would be taken care of as a civil matter.

Dwayne Doran, a member of the family, addressed City Council. Mr. Doran noted there was approximately 250 feet of fence removed and a sign removed. He added the families had maintained the cemetery for 200 years. Mr. Doran expressed his belief communication was not properly handled regarding the issue.

Councilmember Lee noted the Planning and Zoning Commission could not determine certain items discussed, such as maintenance of the cemetery. He asked Mr. Doran if they agreed to the dates to enter the fenced area. Mr. Doran responded affirmatively and noted the gate access was supposed to include twelve holidays. Councilmember Lee expressed his belief gate access should be considered. Mr. Childers noted there was no way for the City to enforce who maintained the cemetery.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if City Council could condition gate approval based on access or maintenance. Mr. Paul responded the way the ordinance was written, it could. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief it would be better if the parties agreed upon the language to be included. Mr. Paul noted the gate was in a separate section and City Council had broad authority to do what they wished regarding approval of the gate. He added disallowing the gate would not invalidate the plat.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to table Council Bill 2025-136 (Adib-Yazdi). Councilmember Horton seconded the motion and discussion continued.

Councilmember Lee asked if the intention was for City Council to work out the issue or for the proposed to return to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Hosmer responded he would rather the parties work it out, and if they could not, then City Council should resolve the issue.

The motion to table Council Bill 2025-136 failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Hosmer, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Councilmember Adib-Yazdi. Absent: Councilmember McGull and Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger. Abstain: None.

Lyndell Link, a representative of Global Survey, addressed City Council. Mr. Link expressed his belief the parties needed to resolve the issue of the gate access. He noted the gate would be open for 12 holidays.

Makennah Doran addressed City Council. Mr. Doran noted the big issue the family had was regarding the signage. He further noted the previous sign listing the family's contact information was a professional sign, and the family would like it returned. Mr. Doran added the contact point for the property owners had been changed several times. He expressed his belief the development was wonderful, and noted the family was not opposed to the development itself. He expressed his belief the developers had met with City Council, and noted the family would like the same opportunity.

Councilmember Jenson noted he had received a phone call on his City cell phone, and further noted those phone numbers were available to anyone.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted he had also received a phone call, but there were no group sessions or closed-door meetings.

Lee Doran addressed City Council. Mr. Doran noted what was verbally agreed upon at the Planning and Zoning meeting included the family maintaining the cemetery, which was not reflected in the proposed. He further noted they would also like the sign put back up and questioned the ownership of the fence once it was replaced.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted there were seven bullet points listed as agreements in the proposed. He further noted the agreements listed access to Ruby Court available on 12 major holidays, year around access from Southwood, a fenced pathway to the cemetery, a fence surrounding the cemetery, and replacement of the sign. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi added the City had no enforcement on the operational side of the proposed and maintenance was not listed in the agreements. He asked Mr. Doran if the agreements were something they would agree to. Mr. Doran responded most of it was.

Councilmember Jenson asked if a previous speaker could be asked additional questions. Mayor Schrag responded affirmatively. Councilmember Jenson asked Ms. Hermann to return for questions. Councilmember Jenson noted there appeared to be an agreement with the Doran family to the seven items listed and asked Ms. Herman to clarify that she was no longer in agreement. Ms. Herman responded she was not and noted only Southwood access would be offered since it was now available. Ms. Herman expressed her belief the cemetery was not well maintained. She noted she owned the cemetery and the fence.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the question before City Council wasn't whether th preliminary plat was approved, but whether a private gate was approved. Mr. Paul responded affirmatively. Councilmember Jenson asked if the preliminary plat could be approved, but the gated access eliminated, and the property required to be open all year. Mr. Paul responded affirmatively.

Lee Doran was called back for comments. Mr. Doran noted the family does maintain the cemetery well.

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

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15.1. Daryl Baker wishes to address City Council.
Daryl Baker addressed City Council. Mr. Baker expressed his belief history had shown the way for him to get anyone to listen was to elicit an emotional response. Mr. Baker expressed his belief he had been subjected to harassment and lack of respect by members of the Police Department over the last seven years. He further expressed his belief the harassment had not stopped. Mr. Baker noted he was working on furthering his education. He expressed his belief the damage done to him was irreparable. He asked when it would stop.

15.2. Terrence Davis wishes to address City Council.

Terrence Davis did not appear to address City Council.

15.3. Christina Angle wishes to address City Council.

Christina Angle addressed City Council. Ms. Angle expressed her thanks and appreciation to City Council for their leadership and time. Ms. Angle thanked them for their attention to the City Manager search. She congratulated Mr. Cameron on his appointment as City Manager.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2025-137 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept grant funds from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks in the amount of $17,000 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to promote vaccine awareness and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in the amount of $17,000 to appropriate the funds.

19.2. Council Bill 2025-138 (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 Hulston Subdivision, generally located at 3373 and 3449 North Vernon 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.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

21.1. Confirm the following reappointment to the Springfield Greene County Park Board: Dianna Parker with term to expire June 1, 2028. Confirmed.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. ADJOURN.

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

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa

Anita J. Cotter

Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk

*Clerk's Note: Council Bill number in item 6.5 was corrected to reflect Council Bill 2025-108.