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

November 3, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: None.

Mayor Schrag welcomed Boy Scout Troop 410 who were working on their communications and citizenship, and community badges.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. October 20, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger moved to approve the October 20, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

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

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

David Cameron, City Manager, noted on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, a ballot measure asking whether to increase the hotel/motel lodging tax by 3 percent would be voted on. He further noted if passed, the funds would help support a new regional convention and event center in town.

Mr. Cameron noted work on the first elevator at Jenny Lind Hall was completed on Friday and passed state inspection. He further noted the owner's contractor was working to correct an issue with the compressor on the new cooling unit for the elevator control room on Friday, and once that repair was complete, the elevator would be open for use. He added Millennia would be working on the remaining funding for the modernization of the second elevator once the federal government shutdown ended and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) personnel were back in the office. He noted when completed, this would bring Jenny Lind Hall into full compliance with the property maintenance code.

Mr. Cameron noted on November 2 the Springfield Police Department and Burrell Behavioral Health were featured in a live news segment on NewsNation Weekends in America with Hena Doba. He added following a social media video during National Co-Responder Appreciation Week, which had more than 1 million views, the segment focused on the innovative mental health co-responder program and its impact in Springfield.

Mr. Cameron noted approximately 300 individuals were in attendance for the Crisis Leadership Summit. He commended David Pennington, Fire Chief, and Paul Williams, Police Chief, on their collaboration to bring community leaders together at the event.

Mr. Cameron noted the date for the annual Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show was Saturday, November 22. He invited the community to join at Park Central Square in Downtown Springfield from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for Mayor Schrag's first Tree Lighting.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-226 (McGull)

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received and found to be sufficient at 38.7 percent. Therefore, a supermajority, or six votes, would be required for passage. She added a copy of the supplemental explanation sheet was at City Council's places.

Councilmember Jenson thanked community members who spoke at the previous meeting and expressed his belief their concerns were valid. He further noted he had worked to gain a better understanding of the concerns and expressed his belief there were four main concerns expressed: traffic, sinkholes, impact to neighborhood character and alignment with the Comprehensive Plan, and housing diversity. Councilmember Jenson noted design of Division Street from the railroad tracks west of Highway 65 over to Eastgate would make capacity improvements and improve the interchange design for better traffic flow. He further noted a thorough geotechnical analysis would be completed for the property to be subdivided or platted to address the concern over sinkholes. Councilmember Jenson added the Comprehensive Plan identified surrounding properties as traditional neighborhood, future land use for industry and logistics to the northwest, and then the City Corridor along Highway 65. He noted the place-based plan was concerned with how properties function together in a neighborhood to create a desirable character and collective mix of uses.

Councilmember Jenson noted that while the proposed would generate density at the core of a neighborhood, which was what the Comprehensive Plan called for, it would not be antithetical to the idea of a traditional neighborhood. He noted missing middle housing sits in the middle of the development spectrum between single-family homes and mid-to-high-rise apartment buildings. He expressed his belief these should be integrated into existing neighborhoods to increase housing diversity and provide a wider and more equitable range of housing choices. He added that having a variety of price points could alleviate the deficit at the highest price points and free up stock for lower income units. Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his opposition to the proposed. He noted the property was annexed a few months prior and indicated that it was to be a traditional residential neighborhood. He expressed his belief the proposed was a development that did not fit the property. Councilmember Hosmer noted there were vacant lots throughout the City and expressed his belief multifamily housing could be developed in these areas with proximity to services. He further expressed his belief that developers planned the City rather than the City being a planned City. He noted the City had great planners and expressed his belief they should be allowed to plan a City all could be proud of.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his agreement with comments of the previous two Councilmembers. He expressed his belief that this was not necessarily the right way to plan and there was nothing in place that said it should not be planned in this way. He expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember McGull noted Section 19.8 of the City Charter required Councilmembers to take an oath of office to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Missouri. He noted the State Constitution gave individuals the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He expressed his belief this gave Councilmembers an obligation to support the aspirations of pursuing a goal and desires within the community, and to protect the rights of those who were investing millions of dollars into the city. He noted the development would employ individuals for the next six to ten years. Councilmember McGull further noted sales tax and property tax were the two ways the City raised money to protect individuals. He added by expanding the market, City services were expanded. He expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Hardinger noted the vote on the proposed focused on rezoning the property. She further noted, should the proposed pass, it would establish zoning entitlement and development parameters. Councilmember Hardinger noted the site layout and building placement would be discussed at a future date. She asked if a preliminary plat would be presented at a future date. Mr. Childers responded affirmatively. Councilmember Hardinger noted there would be further technical review and continued opportunities for public input, and she was hopeful there would be meaningful progress between the neighborhood representatives and the developer. She further noted it was hard to say no to housing projects when looking at gaps in the Housing Study. She expressed her belief the proposed would fill some of those gaps and expressed her support for the proposed.

Mayor Schrag thanked the developer and the neighbors who had engaged in discussions regarding the proposed. He expressed his appreciation for the intention in which everyone had come to the matter and the positiveness in negotiations.

Ordinance 6960. Council Bill 2025-226 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-227 (Carroll, Hardinger, Horton, Lee)
A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code by enacting a new Chapter 75 'RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSE AND INSPECTION PILOT PROGRAM.'

Councilmember Jenson thanked staff for the time and effort they put into the proposed. He also thanked City Councilmembers who served on the Community Involvement Committee for developing a program that was responsive to feedback from the community. Councilmember Jenson recognized the long-term public interest behind the program. He noted the pilot program addressed one of the top ten key issues for Forward SGF and further noted the Housing Study found that over 2,200 structures, or 5 percent of all single-family housing units, were in poor condition or worse. He added this was based on windshield surveys and did not consider any hidden internal issues. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief some of the homes may be too far gone to save, reducing the housing stock.

Councilmember Jenson further expressed his belief a rental inspection program should be paired with resources for landlords to make improvements to their properties while maintaining affordability. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief the complaint-based system did not work and there was such a shortage of housing that individuals would rather live in dilapidated properties than risk being on the street. He noted it was expensive to move when considering application fees and deposits. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief a rental inspection program would alleviate individual risk.

Councilmember Jenson noted reported data did not give the full picture and expressed his belief there was support for a targeted enforcement approach. He further noted a pilot meant there was opportunity for improvement and refinement. He suggested that there be an evaluation at the end of the pilot, and he would like to see how the fee structure could be rebuilt as a sliding scale, so that if all a landlord's properties were to pass the first time, there would be no fee the next time, and if only 20 percent of properties passed, there would be a steeper fee. He asked that fees for the program be waived during the pilot program. Councilmember Jenson further noted Forward SGF provided two recommendations that did not seem to be incorporated: targeted programs toward absentee landlords and repeat offenders; and a system rewarding compliant landlords with less frequent inspections or reduced renewal costs. Councilmember Jenson expressed his belief it had taken decades to appropriately regulate negligent landlords and encouraged landlords to bring properties up to reasonable standards set by the community or create opportunities for rental properties to convert to home ownership. He expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Hardinger noted the beauty of the initiative was that it was a pilot program and would allow space to learn what worked and what needed adjustment. She expressed her support for the proposed. Councilmember Hardinger further noted, as a member of the Community Involvement Committee, they had worked on developing the proposed for many months and expressed her belief the proposed was designed to ensure safe and stable housing for the approximately 60 percent of residents who rent. She further expressed her belief families deserved housing options that met basic life safety and code standards. Councilmember Hardinger expressed her support for increasing housing stock while also supporting the assurance that the current housing stock was safe.

Councilmember Horton asked if the City applied funds to the pilot program and asked for clarification on why a fee was required of the landlords. Martin Gugel, Director of Building Development Services, responded in working through a framework for the plan, fiscal sustainability of the program was considered. He noted a budget request was put forward with the idea of not knowing exactly how many people would register. Mr. Gugel further noted they were optimistic that everyone would register, and exact expenses were unknown. He added program costs were estimated as a best educated guess.

Councilmember Horton asked if the department would be financially burdened if the fee was waived for the 18 months. Mr. Gugel responded that was difficult to know as the costs and projected revenues were based off the best educated guess. The estimates were based on data from other communities and from what had been seen in the local community. He added they were committed to doing all the inspections noted in year one. Councilmember Horton noted the money was available and there was a grey area in terms of who would comply with the fee. She asked for clarification on funding if there would be a shortfall.

Mr. Gugel responded the program was set up to be fiscally sustainable, realizing that as the program grew, the idea would be for it to pay for itself. Mr. Gugel noted the number of rentals in West Central was based off public data, and the fees would provide the insurance needed to meet expenses of the pilot program.

Councilmember Horton asked Mr. Gugel to address the significance of the pilot being in West Central as their violations ranked third, with Zone 1 and Zone 2 ranking first and second. Mr. Gugel responded West Central was chosen primarily for the number of nuisance and implied violation cases and the age of the average structures. He noted a balance of contributing factors were considered. Councilmember Horton noted this was a continuation of the 2015 Zone Blitz. Councilmember Horton further noted when business owners incur expenses they are written off. She further noted a fee for rental property would certainly be a write-off.

Ordinance 6961. Council Bill 2025-227 (Carroll, Hardinger, Horton, Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-229 (Schrag)

A resolution authorizing Mayor Jeff Schrag, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to attend the Citizen's Trip with the Springfield Sister Cities Association to our sister city, Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mexico.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted Section 2-62 of the City Code established rules for City Councilmembers' reimbursements for expenses. He further noted the Mayor submitted a request for reimbursement in order to attend a citizen's trip with the Springfield Sister Cities Association to the sister City in Mexico.

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

Resolution 10842. Council Bill 2025-229 (Schrag) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-230 (McGull)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to apply for tax credits from the Missouri Development Finance Board for contributions to benefit Care to Learn.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed was based on the Missouri Development Finance Department Board's (MDFB) abilities at the State level to operate a program that provided a 50-percent tax credit to individuals and institutions for donations to qualified projects. She further noted contributions were made directly to MDFB, and MDFB would then send a tax credit certificate to the donor. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the funds remained at MDFB until construction costs were incurred. She further noted for eligible projects, the City would request disbursements from the account on behalf of the project. She added the program required the grantee be a public entity. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the beneficiary related to the proposed was Care to Learn. She further noted the funds would help Care to Learn fulfill its mission to meet children's needs so they could be successful in school.

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

Resolution 10843. Council Bill 2025-230 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7.3. Council Bill 2025-231 (Carroll, Hardinger, Horton, Lee)
A resolution adopting the City of Springfield's Legislative Priorities for 2026.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted City Council referred the 2026 Legislative Priorities to the Community Involvement Committee (CIC) on September 8, 2025, and the CIC met on September 17, 2025, and recommended the Legislative Priorities.

Councilmember Horton noted there was a recent court decision that overturned the bill which included the Land Bank provision. The bill was in violation of the single subject rule.

Councilmember Horton moved to amend Council Bill 2025-231, specifically Exhibit A, to add the Land Bank legislation as a legislative priority for 2026 hereto for the betterment of our neighborhoods, the City of Springfield supports legislation that allowes Land Banks to accept property through the judicial tax sale system without its prior tax obligations, general or special real estate taxes, penalties, liens, etc., and adds Springfield and other communities to the list of cities enabled to form a Land Bank. Councilmember Hosmer seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Horton noted the General Assembly enacted land bank legislation in 2024 causing the land bank to be removed as a priority for 2025. She added it was struck down for a procedural reason and the amendment would add the Land Bank as a priority for 2026.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was continued to the November 17, 2025, City Council meeting to allow public comment on the amendment only.

Councilmember Hosmer asked for clarification on holding over the public hearing since the proposed was a resolution. Mr. Paul responded it would be held over and expressed his belief the only time it could not be held over was if there was an emergency clause.

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 2025-225 (Carroll) **This item was postponed from the October 20, 2025, City Council meeting to the November 3, 2025, City Council meeting.**
A special ordinance approving the Amended Petition to Establish the Sunshine Towne Centre Community Improvement District; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield, the Sunshine Towne Centre Community Improvement District, and Springfield West Partners, LLC.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed would approve the amended petition to establish the Sunshine Towne Centre Community Improvement District (CID) and authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the cooperative agreement with the CID and Springfield West Partners, LLC. She further noted the Sunshine Towne Centre was a 22.75-acre retail development along West Sunshine Street anchored by an approximately 150,000 square foot general retail faculty that was a Target store. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the City entered into an infrastructure reimbursement agreement (IRA) with the developer to finance required public improvements related to the project. She further noted the IRA committed the City to reimburse up to just over $4 million with interest for improvements. She added it would use a portion of future City sales taxes generated by the development and the cap would be approximately $6,075,000.

Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the CID was established in March 2024 to fund the balance. She further noted the CID covered approximately 11.1 acres of the overall development and excluded the Target store lot during construction. She added the developer was required to construct approximately $780,000 of additional public improvements beyond the initial scope of the project. She added these were related to installing water and sanitary sewer remains and relocating overhead electrical utilities. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted key changes to the amended petition included the additional project costs and the reimbursable project costs increasing to approximately $2,996,000. She added this would add appointments of four new directors to the five-member board to replace resigned members. She noted the life of the district would be reset to 27 years from the date of City Council approval, or upon reimbursement of the entire cost.

Councilmember Carroll moved to amend Council Bill 2025-225 by deleting all references to Tyler Creach and inserting the name Andrew John Chavez in lieu thereof. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Thomas Walker, developer of the project, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Walker noted there were additional public improvement costs, and the request was those be covered thought the proposed. He further noted there were drainage issues, and through coordination with the City, stream buffers were added. He added all utilities were rerouted throughout the site and added that Target spent $2 million on the detention system alone. Mr. Walker noted they were significantly under budget in the IRA, and the CID was a completely different source of funding. He added they were able to value engineer some of the traffic signals. He expressed his belief this was the most beautiful store he had seen in his forty-year career.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation for gaining a Target store in Zone 3. He asked why four of the board members had resigned. Mr. Walker responded there was not one specific reason. He noted several years had passed and individuals moved on. Councilmember Jenson expressed his appreciation for the investment.

Councilmember Horton asked about the timeline for the collection of the tax. Mr. Walker responded the tax was already being collected. He noted Olive Garden was currently open and paying into the district, with two tenants set to open in the next 30 days.

With no further appearances, the public hearing was continued on the amendment only to the November 17, 2025, City Council meeting.

12.2. Council Bill 2025-232 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, ‘Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,’ by rezoning approximately 0.22 acres of property generally located at 426 North Warren Avenue from R-TH – Residential Townhouse District to LB – Limited Business District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Paul Mueller Company; 426 N. Warren Avenue; Z-21-2025)

Councilmember Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2025-232 and left the dais.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would rezone approximately .22 acres located at 426 North Warren Avenue to Limited Business District. He further noted the applicant was Paul Mueller Company, and they were making the request with the intent to expand an existing parking lot. He added if approved, the applicant would be required to combine all lots in that area into a single lot and be required to provide bufferyards, fencing, and landscaping along Warren Phelps Avenue.

Councilmember Horton asked if the single-family residence on the property would be demolished for surface parking. Mr. Crighton responded affirmatively.

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

Councilmember Lee returned to the dais.

12.3. Council Bill 2025-233 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, ‘Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,’ by rezoning approximately 2.90 acres of property generally located at 2565 North Kansas Expressway from GR – General retail district to HC – Highway commercial district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Morris Loan & Investment Corp Inc.; 2565 North Kansas Expressway; Z-16-2025)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow rezoning of a 2.9-acre parcel located at 2565 North Kansas Expressway to Highway Commercial District. He further noted the applicant intended to operate a retail business with an outdoor storage component.

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

12.4. Council Bill 2025-234 (Adib-Yazdi)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, ‘Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,’ by rezoning approximately 0.87 acres of property generally located at 2404 East Sunshine Street from Planned Development No. 136 Amendment 1 to GR – General retail district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Deckard & Ward LLC; 2404 East Sunshine Street; Z-22-2025)

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed would allow rezoning of 0.87 acres located at 2404 East Sunshine Street to General Retail District. He further noted the applicant intended to redevelop the property for commercial or retail use. He added this was a former Maverick site that they did not retain ownership of.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Councilmember Jenson asked for the developer's representative. He asked if the representative was aware of the plans the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) had been developing for potential right-of-way restrictions on Sunshine Street. Alex Hargrave, a representative of the developer, responded he believed so. Councilmember Jenson noted he wanted to make sure uses were contemplated prior to making the investment.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-235 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of the City of Springfield Fire Department, in the amount of $80,000, to appropriate funds from the Fire Department Training Fund.

David Pennington, Fire Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Pennington noted the proposed would allow for a budget adjustment by amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in the amount of $80,000 and appropriating the funds from the Fire Department Training Fund for the purpose of priority training initiatives that would address community emergency preparedness and support Workforce Development.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-236 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance repealing General Ordinance 6935; and amending Springfield City Code Chapter 38, “Building Development Codes,” by deleting Article XV, “Floodplain Management,” and enacting a new Article XV, “Floodplain Management,” in lieu thereof to comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s most recent model floodplain management ordinance.

Kyle Tolbert, Assistant City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Tolbert noted the proposed would correct a clerical mistake that occurred when Ordinance 6935 was adopted. He added there were no substantial changes and the proposed included the corrected exhibit.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2025-237 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a supplemental agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and TransCore ITS, LLC, to provide additional services related to the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Advanced Transportation Management System software and hardware in use at the Springfield Traffic Management Center, for the not to exceed price of $115,159.64.

Brian Doubrava, Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Doubrava noted the current Transportation Management Center (TMS) contract was executed in June 2024.
He further noted the proposed represented the third iteration of the TMS project and the second with the vendor TransCore ITS. He added the City continued to partner with MoDOT on the regional initiative with a 25/75 cost share and the addendum would provide additional work beyond the original scope and contract amount. Mr. Doubrava noted the two key enhancements were intersection level lane views within the TMS mapping system and integration of signal systems alarms into the TMS product. He further noted the City's portion of the addendum was not to exceed $35,353.25, which would bring the total of the City's portion to $115,159.64. Mr. Doubrava added the funding would come out of the Signals and ITS Program for the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

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. Becky Volz wishes to address City Council.

Becky Volz addressed City Council. Ms. Volz noted she would like to begin a discussion regarding enforcement of the current City Code related to loose dogs, or dogs running in public places unattached to a leash. She further noted the topic was a project for the Neighborhood Advisory Council's Safety Committee who received frequent notifications of injuries by dogs to children and adults, death by dogs to pets, and injuries by dogs to other dogs. She added the incidents could have been avoided if Code enforcements were taken seriously and enforced. Ms. Volz requested animal control use their authority to remove a dog from its home if it had multiple citations. She expressed her belief this was an ongoing and increasingly serious problem. She noted the Forward SGF plan stated a desire for the City to be pedestrian friendly. She expressed her belief the issue needed a holistic solution.

Councilmember Horton thanked Ms. Volz for raising awareness on the issue. She asked about the time period between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Ms. Volz responded there was no animal control officer on duty for these hours. She added an incident could be reported to 9-1-1, but an animal control officer may not interview the individual until the next day.

Councilmember Lee asked Ms. Volz if she needed another minute to finish. Ms. Volz shared examples of incidents that had occurred and expressed her support for the City finding a solution to the issue.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi thanked Ms. Volz and expressed his belief the issue was throughout the City.

15.2. Mary Ann Bonetti wishes to address City Council.

Mary Ann Bonetti, President of the Robberson Neighborhood Association, addressed City Council. Ms. Bonetti noted she had spoken with many individuals who had great concern with vicious dogs running loose in the neighborhoods. She further noted they had expressed their belief that there were no consequences. Ms. Bonetti asked that a project be developed as a way to keep people safe and to keep the animals safe.

15.3. David Ortiz wishes to address City Council.

David Ortiz did not appear to address City Council.

15.4. Murray Hutcherson wishes to address City Council.

Murray Hutcherson addressed City Council. Mr. Hutcherson discussed his personal experience with a dog attack and expressed his belief some breeds were more vicious than others. He thanked City Council.

15.5. Tim Havens wishes to address City Council.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens expressed his belief the City was fortunate to have a Veteran's Affairs clinic in the City and further expressed his belief it would be simple and inexpensive to provide a bus shelter in front of the clinic. He noted City Utilities had the shelter on the list to be installed and had to repair the shelters already installed first. Mr. Havens recognized Greene County veterans Mr. Merle Billngs and Mr. Denny Whayne.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked Mr. Havens to finish his statement. Mr. Havens expressed his belief veterans needed to be honored.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi thanked Mr. Havens and asked if he had ever considered applying for the Citizens' Advisory Council for City Utilities.

Councilmember Carroll noted City Utilities had a bus stop on the opposite side of the road and commended City Utilities for adding the bus stop and moving it over. She expressed her belief this was a step in the right direction.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

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

16.2. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following appointment to the Board of Public Utilities: Hal Higdon with term to expire December 1, 2028. Recommended.

16.3. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointment to the Board of Public Utilities: Steve Dooley with term to expire December 1, 2028. Recommended.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2025-238 (Carroll)
A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement between the City of Springfield, City Utilities of Springfield, Greene County, and Christian County Emergency Services to allow Christian County Emergency Services to locate its Radio Prime Site at the Trunked Radio System Master Site.

19.2. Council Bill 2025-239 (McGull)
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 J & M Tillman Center, generally located at 1650 South Ingram Mill Road, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (By: J&M Tillman, LLC; 1650 South Ingram Mill Road; Preliminary Plat of J&M Tillman Center)

19.3. Council Bill 2025-240 (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 Mercy Springfield South Campus 1st Addition, generally located at 6375 South Innovation Avenue and 6217 South Southwood 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: Tea Properties of Missouri II, LLC; 6375 South Innovation Avenue & 6217 South Southwood Avenue; Preliminary Plat of Mercy Springfield South Campus 1st Addition)

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

21. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. CLOSED SESSION.

City Council will hold a closed meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo.; and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo.; and this meeting, record, and vote shall be closed and the City Council shall stand adjourned at the end of the closed session.

Councilmember Hosmer moved City Council hold a closed meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo.; and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo.; and this meeting, record, and vote shall be closed and the City Council shall stand adjourned at the end of the closed session.

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