

March 8, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session March 8, 2021 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call

Present. Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Abe McGull, Matthew Simpson, Mike Schilling, Phyllis Ferguson, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, and Ken McClure. Absent. None.

Minutes

The minutes of February 22, 2021 City Council meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

**Recognizing
Christopher Ryan Walsh**

Sponsor: City Council. Council Bill 2021-049.

A resolution recognizing the anniversary of the heroic actions of Springfield Police Officer Christopher Ryan Walsh, who died in the line of duty on March 16, 2020.

Councilman Hosmer provided an overview of the proposed. He expressed his appreciation for the heroic and selfless actions taken by Officer Walsh on March 15, 2020 at the Kum and Go on Chestnut Expressway. Councilman Hosmer further expressed his deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Officer Walsh for their loss.

Jason Gage, City Manager, expressed his appreciation and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Officer Walsh for their loss. He further expressed his belief there is no greater sacrifice than someone risking their own life for others in the line of duty.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor McClure expressed his appreciation for Officer Walsh's sacrifice and dedicated service to this community. He further expressed his deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Officer Walsh for their loss.

Sheri Walsh, Wife of Officer Walsh, expressed her appreciation to the City Council, City staff, and the community for the proposed. She expressed she is overwhelmed and humbled by the proposed. She thanked the Police Department, City Council, City staff, and the community for their support regarding her loss.

Council Bill 2021-049. Resolution 10557 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the City's "SGF Yields" Pedestrian Safety Program is stepping up driver crosswalk compliance efforts within the community. Mr. Gage further noted through a grant provided from the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Police Department in partnership with "SGF Yields" will be conducting weekly driver yield checks at well-marked crosswalk locations within the community. He added a failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk may result in motorists getting pulled over by police and a possible citation. Mr. Gage noted the goal of this enforcement is to further increase the local yield rate at crosswalk areas and make the community more pedestrian friendly. He further noted the City would be notifying and updating the public about the upcoming yield check locations in advance with news releases and through social media.

Mr. Gage noted Paul Williams, Police Chief, has provided a monthly Police Department sworn strength report update for City Council's review, which is located at your places. He further noted the Police Department recently raised more than \$6,000 for the Special Olympics Missouri this past Saturday at the annual Polar Plunge event. Mr. Gage expressed his appreciation to everyone who donated to support the Police Department's team.

Mr. Gage gave an update regarding the Grant Avenue Parkway project. He noted the Corridor Plan, which will guide future development along the grant-funded Grant Avenue Parkway, will be coming before the Planning and Zoning Commission for review on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Mr. Gage further noted months of data collection, public engagement sessions, and stakeholder meetings were conducted. He added a baseline concept design regarding the roadway improvement project has also been developed for the corridor, which would improve Grant Avenue between Sunshine and downtown. Mr. Gage expressed his appreciation to everyone who has contributed, provided input, and assisted with the Grant Avenue Parkway project.

Mr. Gage noted construction will begin regarding the Fassnacht Stormwater Improvement Project at the Springfield Art Museum on March 15, 2021. He further noted as part of the Springfield Art Museum Master Plan, this project will involve the restoration of Fassnacht Creek along Brookside Drive between Greene Avenue and Kings Avenue. Mr. Gage added the project goal is to restore Fassnacht Creek to a naturalized channel, which should help reduce the risk of flooding to the Art Museum and surrounding residential properties and for the benefit of flood mitigation and water quality.

Mr. Gage noted Springfield is a beautiful city, but it has become noticeable it needs some love and care. He further noted he has been conducting conversations with City staff from the Public Information and Civic Engagement Office, Public Works, and Environmental Services to help provide ideas about possible city-wide cleanup efforts this upcoming spring. Mr. Gage noted City staff will provide additional information as possible plans progress, which should also include some beautification efforts and ideas. He further noted City staff is currently recruiting organizations to fill out an online interest form to see what types of support and volunteering efforts the City may obtain for this unique beautification project.

Mr. Gage noted March 8, 2021 is International Women's Day, which is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. He further noted this date also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. Mr. Gage expressed his appreciation to the women, including Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilwoman Fisk, who help make the City operate and function every day.

Mayor McClure noted this week is also Women in Construction Week, which he presented a proclamation for today. He expressed his appreciation to those women who work and serve within the construction industry.

Councilman McGull asked for clarification whether the Cherry Street and Pickwick Avenue traffic project has been resubmitted for bidding. Mr. Gage noted City staff would provide information regarding status of the Cherry Street and Pickwick Avenue traffic project to the City Council for their review.

Councilman Schilling noted he recently received a complaint from a constituent about the issue of potholes within the community. Mr. Gage noted with the warmer weather approaching, City staff would be actively repairing the potholes on the roadway areas the City is responsible for within the City, while the Missouri Department of Transportation would be repairing the potholes on their roadway areas in the future.

Public Health Director Report

Katie Towns, Acting Springfield-Greene County Health Director, gave a COVID-19 updated. Ms. Towns noted various entities are working diligently to help vaccinate individuals based upon the State's Vaccination Plan as COVID-19 vaccination supplies become available. She further noted approximately 46,000 of Greene County residents have received their first vaccine dosage, while approximately 21,000 residents or 8.71% have been fully vaccinated with two dosages. Ms. Towns noted the Center for Disease Control has recently issued new guidelines for individuals who have been fully vaccinated can safely gather in small groups with other friends and family who are also fully vaccinated without having to wear a mask and practice social distancing. She noted individuals are considered fully vaccinated after two weeks of receiving their second vaccination dosage. Ms. Towns further noted the Center for Disease Control is still not recommending individuals travel until further notice. She added if traveling is needed, it is recommended that individuals receive COVID-19 testing before and after their travel to help prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. Ms. Towns noted the Health Department will supply free test kits, and individuals may contact the Health Department at 417-874-1211 for information.

Ms. Towns noted the COVID-19 disease trends continue downward. She further noted the positive case counts have decreased within the last week approximately 26% from the week prior. Ms. Towns added approximately one month ago, the rolling average was approximately 84 positive daily cases. She further added as of yesterday, the rolling average has dropped to approximately 30 positive daily cases. Ms. Towns noted the Health Department is encouraged as more individuals are vaccinated, case counts will hopefully continue to decrease.

Ms. Towns noted COVID-19 hospitalizations also continue to decrease. She further noted approximately 42 patients are currently hospitalized in local hospitals with COVID-19. Ms. Towns noted out of these approximately 42 patients, approximately 21 are Greene County residents, 17 are in Intensive Care Units, and 10 are on ventilators.

Ms. Towns thanked the community for doing their part to help prevent the spread of COVID19. She encouraged everyone to remain vigilant by practicing social distancing at least 6 feet apart, handwashing and sanitizing, and wearing a mask while in public until additional vaccines become available for further immunizing individuals. Ms. Towns noted the Health Department launched efforts to encourage the community through the Finish Strong pledge to have at least a 70% commit to staying vigilant and pledging to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. She further noted individuals can sign-up to take the pledge at www.health.springfieldmo.gov/FinishStrong. Ms. Towns also encouraged individuals to utilize the Health Department's website to obtain additional COVID-19 vaccine information at www.health.springfieldmo.gov/COVIDVaccine

Councilman Ollis expressed his appreciation to Ms. Towns and the Health Department for their updates. He encouraged everyone to utilize the tools and information available on the Health Department's website.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification whether individuals who were treated for COVID-19 still need to be vaccinated. Ms. Towns noted it is being recommended by health and medical professionals that individuals who have been treated for COVID-19 be immunized.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification whether individuals who are eligible to receive the vaccines should contact other local surrounding jurisdictions to see if there are vaccinations available for immunizing if they are unable to get a local appointment. Ms. Towns expressed her opinion if individuals are unable to receive a local appointment for immunizations to please contact other local jurisdictions to see if they have vaccines available for immunization. She noted the Health Department only knows what vaccines area available within Greene County, so individuals would have to contact outlying jurisdictions outside Greene County for their information.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if Health Department staff would put information available about other possible COVID-19 vaccination clinics in outlying jurisdictions, such as Barry County, on their website for information. Ms. Towns noted City staff would review this possibility, but available vaccine dosage numbers are consistently changing. She further noted the State has a process, which she is not familiar with, about the issues of reallocating and redistributing the vaccine dosages.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the tracking system of Greene County residents possibly receiving vaccinations from other area jurisdictions. Ms. Towns noted the State's tracking system is based upon where the individual resides,

so counties, such as Greene County, can keep track of how many residents have been immunized.

Councilwoman Fisk asked for clarification regarding the recent Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine and is it available locally. Ms. Towns noted the recent vaccine from Johnson and Johnson has been released, and there have been a limited number available locally with the Jordan Valley Health Center for immunizing. She further noted hopefully more vaccines will be readily available for distribution in April 2021.

Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Gage and Ms. Towns for tonight's updates.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading.

**Contract with
ShotSpotter Inc.**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-044.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with ShotSpotter Inc., for the implementation of the ShotSpotter Respond gunfire detection system.

Councilman Hosmer moved to table Council Bill 2021-044 to the April 5, 2021 City Council Meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion.

Councilman Simpson expressed his support for tabling Council Bill 2021-044. He further expressed he would like to review other possible public safety.

Council Bill 2021-044 was tabled to the April 5, 2021 City Council Meeting by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Infrastructure
Reimbursement
Agreement with SGF
Sports, LLC**

Sponsor: Ollis and Ferguson. Council Bill 2021-048.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with SGF Sports, LLC, for certain public improvements and incentives to facilitate the development of a Private Athletic Complex in an amount not to exceed a total of \$2,100,000; and adjusting the budget of the Public Works Department for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,100,000.

Councilman Ollis expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed his belief the proposed will help support sports tourism in the local area and will provide a gateway area from the Springfield-Branson National Airport to the community. He expressed his opinion the proposed is a good investment for the City and community.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the agreement regarding the payments made to the developer for the proposed. Jason Gage, City Manager, noted upon completion of the Private Athletic Facility, the City will reimburse the developer for up to \$2,000,000.00 in public improvements and up to \$100,000 in

interest costs relating to financing for those public improvements. Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the Community Improvement District (CID) that would be established. Mr. Gage noted the developer agrees to cooperate with the City in establishing a Community Improvement District over the entire development, including the future retail-commercial-hotel development, to impose a 1-cent sales tax to reimburse the City for its expenses under this development agreement. He further noted if the developer has not completed the development obligations by March 31, 2024, the agreement will terminate, and the City will no longer be obligated to reimburse the developer for any public improvements. Councilman Schilling asked for clarification whether other established CIDs have been generating income back to the City. Sarah Kerner, Economic Development Director, noted if the commercial development flourishes for the proposed, the possible income generated would be comparable to the Glenstone CID, which generated approximately \$100,000.00 or more last year.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her support for the proposed. She further expressed her excitement for the proposed being developed within Zone 1.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed his belief the proposed does not satisfy the needs for the community regarding sports tourism. Councilman Hosmer added there is a great need to further expand and update the various parks and activity facilities within the community, such as Lake Country Soccer, as soon as possible.

Councilman Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed his belief the proposed helps facilitate the City Council's priorities, such as the quality of place initiative.

Councilman Lear expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed the proposed will help provide various opportunities and future development within the community. Councilman Lear noted the property for the proposed was recently annexed into Zone 1.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed his belief the proposed and Lake Country Soccer are great assets for the community regarding sports tourism.

Council Bill 2021-048. Special Ordinance 27472 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**International
Residential Building
Code**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-045.

A general ordinance declaring the intent of City Council to adopt either the 2018 or 2021 International Residential Building Code to become effective January 1, 2023, and establishing deadlines for City staff to meet with stakeholders and present a report to City Council regarding stakeholder input and staff recommendations; and repealing Section 3 of General Ordinance 6564.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding other jurisdictions that have adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. Dwayne Shmel, Building Development Services Director, noted information has been recently provided to the City Council about six jurisdictions, such as Kansas City and Columbia, Missouri, which have adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief if other jurisdictions have adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, the City should also move forward with adoption. He further expressed his belief the City is the largest jurisdiction within the State that has not adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code.

Councilman Ollis expressed his belief the issue of development is competitive on a local and regional level more than a state level. He asked for clarification regarding the current energy code the City of Republic, Missouri utilizes, since development is flourishing in their community. Mr. Shmel noted he does not know what energy code the City of Republic is currently utilizing for construction.

Councilman Lear expressed his opposition for the proposed. He further expressed his belief in 2019 the City received substantial input from stakeholders regarding the City's building codes. He added he does not believe additional stakeholder input is needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification whether the City of Joplin, Missouri has adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. Mr. Shmel noted he does not know if the City of Joplin has adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her concerns about the need to keep housing costs affordable within the community for both home purchase and renting. She asked for clarification whether City staff has conducted a cost analysis pertaining to the costs associated for developers to purchase properties and "flip" them as investment opportunities by utilizing the City's building code regulations. Mr. Shmel noted he is not aware of cost analysis information but would review past information gathered by City staff in 2019.

Councilman Schilling expressed his opposition for the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his opposition for the proposed. He expressed his opinion the proposed is bad public policy.

Councilman Ollis expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief there have been many changes and challenges that have occurred since 2019, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and the proposed is needed. Councilman Ollis further expressed his belief there is a housing shortage within the United States, the costs of materials for construction have significantly increased, and the City should be supportive of developers constructing local housing projects within the community.

Councilman McGull expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief the City of Republic, Missouri may have recently adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. Councilman McGull further expressed his

opinion the City should consider adopting the 2021 International Residential Building Code.

Council Bill 2021-045. General Ordinance 6641 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, McGull, Simpson, Ferguson, Fisk, and McClure. Nays: Lear, Schilling, and Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2021-050.

A resolution approving the use of funds from the Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program in the amount of \$13,300 for lighting improvements along the walking track on the School-Park side of Lafayette Park (Zone 1).

Bob Belote, Springfield-Greene County Parks Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Belote noted several of the residents near the Lafayette Park area have expressed safety and security concerns due to illicit activities, such as drug use, that have been occurring near the park. He further noted the proposed will include eight, 18 foot poles along the walking track, which will match the existing light fixtures already in place at the historic Lafayette Park. Mr. Belote thanked City Utilities for their support and dedicated service in providing utilities in the community. He added the proposed supports the following priorities of the City Council: public safety, economic vitality, and quality of place.

Councilman Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed his opinion the City should review other park areas for the possibly adding additional lighting improvements, such as Meador Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her support for the proposed. She further expressed her appreciation to the Parks Department and City Utilities for their dedicated service to the community. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson added there have been numerous resident concerns expressed regarding illicit activities occurring near the Lafayette Park area, so the added lighting will help provide public safety and security for this area.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Council Bill 2021-050. Resolution 10558 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit– 726 North Prospect Avenue

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-051.

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit for the property located at 726 North Prospect Avenue, for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Mary Lilly Smith, Planning and Development Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Smith outlined the short-term rental type 2 requirements and noted there are very few existing or pending short-term rental type 2 within the area in question. She noted short-term rental requests are for rental periods of less than 30 consecutive days. Ms. Smith further noted the applicant received signatures from two adjacent properties, but neither signee was a property owner. She added the applicant has not obtained any signatures of the four adjacent property owners, which results in a zero percent consent. Ms. Smith noted the neighborhood meeting requirement is currently waived due to the Mayor's Proclamation of Civil Emergency regarding COVID-19, but neighbors were still encouraged to submit comments. She further noted 67 notices were mailed to the property owners within 500 feet of the proposed and they were notified by regular mail of tonight's meeting. Ms. Smith added if the proposed, which is zoned Residential-Single Family, is approved, all other requirements of the Short-Term Rental regulations of Section 36-473 of the City's Zoning Ordinance must be met.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether the applicant for the proposed has received any signatures from the adjacent property owners. Ms. Smith reiterated the applicant has not obtained any valid signatures of the four adjacent property owners, which results in a zero percent consent. She noted the applicant received signatures from two adjacent properties, but neither signee was a property owner.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Carla Drysdale spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Drysdale noted she is one of the owners of the property in question. She further noted they have been unable to complete the steps outlined by the City regarding short-term rentals type 2 requests and are requesting an appeal.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification whether the proposed has been operating as a short-term rental type 2. Ms. Drysdale answered affirmatively and noted they have been operating as a short-term rental since approximately 2019. Councilman Schilling asked for clarification whether there had been any objections from residents about the short-term rental. Ms. Drysdale noted there have been no objections or complaints from residents regarding their short-term rental. She further noted one of the nearby properties has been recently demolished due to being vacant, which apparently is in a trust, and they were unable to locate this property owner.

There being no additional speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his opposition for the proposed. He expressed his belief the applicants should retry to obtain signatures of adjacent property owners.

Council Bill 2021-051. Resolution 10559 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Simpson, Ferguson, Fisk, and McClure. Nays: Ollis, McGull, Schilling, and Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor's Initiative on Equity and Equality

Sponsor: City Council. Council Bill 2021-052.

A resolution creating the Mayor's Initiative on Equity and Equality; setting the charge for said Initiative; and establishing its membership.

Cora Scott, Public Information and Civic Engagement Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Scott noted the actions on May 25, 2020 by police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that caused the death of George Floyd were intolerable. She further noted those actions caused City leaders to reflect upon the dignity of all individuals, the value of life, and the responsibility as a local government. She noted with the passage of Resolution 10510, which was approved by City Council on June 1, 2020, the Police Department published a website called "Where We Stand", which details the policies, procedures, and practices of the Police Department. Ms. Scott further noted the proposed will focus on addressing the issues of racism and to promote diversity and equity in the community, as well as to reflect and to commit to a positive change by committing words and actions for equity and equality within the community. She added the proposed creates and establishes the charge for an 18-member group to meet for approximately one year and the group will help develop guiding principles to improve equitable access to opportunities, recognize the inherent dignity, value and worth of every individual. Ms. Scott noted the following five pillars of change for consideration regarding the groups charge: dialogue and understanding; cultural consciousness; advocacy and partnerships; structural and systemic barriers, and personal and organizational accountability.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed. He further expressed his opinion that attitudes and cultures need to be addressed within the community. Mayor McClure noted there is a deadline no later than March 31, 2020 for the proposed group to present a written report of the guiding principles it develops back to the City Council for review and consideration. He thanked everyone who has agreed to serve as a member on the proposed.

Council Bill 2021-052. Resolution 10560 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Council Bills for Public Hearing.

Rezoning at 1720 West Grant Street

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-053.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.37 acres of property generally located at 1720 West Grand Street from R-LD, Low-Density Multi-Family Residential District with Conditional Overlay District No. 178, to GR, General Retail District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 195; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: College of the Ozarks; 1720 West Grand Street; Z-1-2021 w/COD #195.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Planning and Development Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Smith noted the property in question is near the former Price Cutter facility, which is located at the intersection of Kansas Expressway and West Grand Street. She further noted City Council approved a preliminary plat at their previous meeting held on February 22, 2021, which combined this tract with a larger General Retail zoned tract. Ms. Smith added a traffic study will be required at the time of development.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the long-term use of the proposed. Ms. Smith noted the Jordan Valley Health Center has purchased the former Price Cutter facility and will be utilizing it for their operations. She further noted the Jordan Valley Health Center has been currently utilizing the former Price Cutter facility as a vaccination clinic.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the current zoning of the proposed. Ms. Smith noted the current zoning is Residential-Low Density Multi-Family Residential District with Conditional Overlay District 4 No. 178. She further noted the proposed rezoning is for a General Retail District and establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 195 for the Jordan Valley Health Center.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Conditional Use Permit No. 448 – 2420 East Blaine Street

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-054.

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 448 for the purpose of authorizing an adaptive reuse of a nonresidential structure as a multi-family residential use with a Conditional Use Permit in a R-TH, Residential Townhouse District generally located at 2420 East Blaine Street as a conditional use. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: The Lackey Building, LLC; 2420 East Blaine Street; Conditional Use Permit 448.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Planning and Development Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Smith noted the applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to convert an existing warehousing structure to multi-family units on the property in question within a Residential Townhouse District. She further noted the City's Zoning Ordinance requires a use permit in a Residential Townhouse District

for an adaptive reuse of a nonresidential structure in a residential district. Ms. Smith added the nonresidential structure is a legal non-conforming use and satisfies all the standards for a Conditional Use Permit. She noted if approved, the proposed would provide for redevelopment, which is already served with public infrastructure and services, and is not expected to adversely impact the surrounding properties.

Councilman asked for clarification regarding the density of the proposed when redeveloped, as well as what the nearby zoning is to the proposed. Ms. Smith noted the current nearby zoning near the proposed is Residential Townhouse District and Residential Single-Family. She further noted the density of 11 duplex units per acre would apply.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether the current warehouse structures would be converted to apartment or duplex unit dwellings. Ms. Smith answered affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills.

**Southwest Treatment
Plant
Lab/Administration
Building Improvements**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-055.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Southwest Treatment Plant Lab/Administration Building Improvements; accepting the base bid of Bales Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$575,800, plus a 10 percent contingency, for said project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$633,380 by appropriating reserves of the Clean Water Enterprise Fund.

Brian Wirth, Superintendent of Clean Water Services, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Wirth noted the proposed will help provide upgrades and improvements at the Southwest Treatment Plant Lab/Administration Building. He further noted there have been no upgrades in over 25 years and the Southwest Treatment Plant Lab/Administration Building needs significant repairs and updates. Mr. Wirth added Special Ordinance 27383, which was approved by City Council on September 8, 2020, authorized replacing the building fume hoods and the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, which is currently under construction. He noted the proposed is for the second phase of this project that will include exterior improvements for building efficiency to help reduce numerous leaks through replacement of the roof, doors, and windows. Mr. Wirth further noted interior improvements will include replacing the flooring that contains asbestos and minor interior renovations that include remodeling the entryway and kitchen area. He added Bales Construction, Inc. received the highest evaluation score of responsive bidders for the proposed out of approximately five bidders.

Mr. Wirth noted a budget adjustment of \$633,380.00 is being requested to cover the construction costs plus 10% contingency.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification whether the funds for the budget adjustment regarding the proposed would come from the reserves of the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Wirth answered affirmatively. Mayor McClure expressed he is encouraged by the numerous bidder response for the proposed, especially since the bids were well below the architect's estimate.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

**Agreement with Ozarks
Clean Water Company –
English Village**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-056.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Wastewater Service Contract and Mutual Aid Agreement with the Ozarks Clean Water Company for the purpose of continuing to provide contract wastewater service to the English Village mobile home park and approved, adjacent areas in Christian County.

Errin Kemper, Environmental Services Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the English Village mobile home park is located within Christian County between the City and Nixa, Missouri. He further noted in approximately 2003 per Special Ordinance 24838, the City entered into a settlement agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources whereby the City was required to enter into a wastewater services contact to provide wastewater treatment for the English Village mobile home park and surrounding area. Mr. Kemper noted under the current contract, the Ozarks Clean Water Company, on behalf of the English Village, makes a monthly payment to the City based on the number of wastewater connections and the total wastewater volume billed to its customers during that month. He further noted the contract allows English Village to deduct a percentage of this remittance to defer system operation and maintenance costs. Mr. Kemper added the City's permit with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources includes several operational requirements, including the need to adopt and maintain sewer use ordinances that prohibit certain substances from entering the sewer system. He noted since English Village's sewer collection system flows into and forms an extension of City's permitted system, English Village is also required to adopt and maintain similar regulations. Mr. Kemper further noted after a review of the current agreement, it has become evident that the current contract has proven unnecessarily cumbersome for both English Village and the City. He added the parties have been working to possibly restructure the current contract to provide a more streamlined approach and improve contract conformity. Mr. Kemper noted the parties have agreed to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement, which provides terms of mutual assistance in times of emergency including provisions for reimbursement for equipment, supplies and personnel made available on an emergency basis, and for Fats, Oils, and Grease permitting and inspection services requested by Ozarks Clean Water Company.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the volume of wastewater the English Village mobile home park and surrounding area produces. Mr. Kemper noted approximately 34,000 gallons of wastewater per month compared to the City's approximate 34 million gallons of wastewater per day at the Southwest Treatment Plant.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the tool utilized for measuring the wastewater amounts. Mr. Kemper noted a flow meter is utilized to measure the wastewater amounts for billing, which is basically revenue neutral for the City regarding processing the wastewater volume for the English Village mobile home park and surrounding area.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

Wastewater Charges and Rates

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-057.

A general ordinance amending Chapter 120, 'Wastewater Regulations,' Article VI, 'Wastewater Charges and Rates,' Section 120-245, 'Rates of the Springfield City Code,' by establishing a new rate schedule that provides a volumetric or wholesale charge for applicable wastewater customers beginning July 1, 2021, which shall facilitate a new method of billing wastewater charges to Springfield's satellite communities and other potential wholesale customers.

Errin Kemper, Environmental Services Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the City has been providing contracted wastewater services to the communities of Battlefield, Willard, Strafford, and the service area known as English Village, which is operated by the Ozarks Clean Water Company for numerous years. He further noted each community owns and operates their own sewer collection system, which then discharges into the City's sewer system at a point of connection. He added per these contracts, each of these communities makes a monthly payment to the City based upon the number of wastewater connections and the total wastewater volume billed to its customers during that month. Mr. Kemper noted these contracts allow each satellite community to deduct a percentage of this remittance to defer system operation and maintenance costs. He further noted after an in-depth review of the mutual agreements, it is evident the current contracts have proven unnecessarily cumbersome for both the various satellite communities and the City. Mr. Kemper noted City staff is proposing to restructure each of the current wastewater contracts to provide a more streamlined approach and improve contract conformity. He further noted City staff is proposing the City invoice each satellite community no less often than quarterly based upon the measured wastewater contributed to the City's wastewater treatment facilities as opposed to monthly invoice billing. Mr. Kemper added City staff is proposing establishing a new rate schedule that provides for a volumetric or wholesale charge for applicable wastewater customers beginning July 1, 2021 to facility a new method of billing wastewater charges to the various satellite communities and any other potential wholesale customers.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification whether the Hancock Amendment prevents the City of possibly charging customers more than the cost of providing wastewater services. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, noted it would depend upon if the service being provided is proprietary versus a typical government service. She further noted City staff would research and provide information to the City Council for review.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

**Building Development
Services – Code
Compliance Officers**

Sponsor: Ferguson, Hosmer, McClure, and Simpson. Council Bill 2021-058.

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Department of Building Development Services for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$150,000 to appropriate a portion of the Fiscal Year 2018-2020 carryover funds to provide the equivalent of three full-time additional code compliance officers to enhance proactive City Code enforcement.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Hosmer. She further noted Resolution 10554, which was approved by City Council on February 16, 2021, adopted City Council's priorities. Ms. Lewsader noted City staff has been utilizing an enforcement approach, which is triggered by citizen requests and complaints, to handle code violations, such as nuisance violations. She further noted City Council expressed to City staff a proactive approach for City initiated property inspections and enforcement is needed to handle the issue of nuisance violations occurring within the community. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed would provide funding of approximately \$150,000.00 to fund the equivalent of three full-time additional contract code compliance officers for one year.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her support for the proposed. She expressed her belief the City should be proactive in responding to code violations, such as nuisances, versus reactive by citizens having to file a request or complaint for possible enforcement.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his opinion the proposed may help with self-regulating individuals with code compliance officers.

Councilman Lear expressed his support for the proposed. He asked for clarification whether the code compliance officers would be hired as contract employees. Jason Gage, City Manager, answered affirmatively, and noted carryover funding would be utilized to help pay for hiring three full-time code compliance officers for one year. He noted there could be a possibility of converting the contract employees into permanent full-time in the future if needed depending upon available funding.

Councilman McGull expressed his opinion he would like to see statistical data analysis information compiled by City staff in approximately one year regarding the

number of complaint requests handled for code compliance enforcement. Mr. Gage noted Dwayne Shmel, Building Development Services Director, would be providing City Council an update regarding Building Development Services at a future luncheon.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her agreement with Councilman McGull about an update from Building Development Services in approximately one year about the proposed. She further expressed her belief if the proposed is approved, there will be a lot more code violations the City will be handling due to being proactive with responding versus being reactive.

Mayor McClure reminded City Council the City's budget workshops will be beginning in a few months. He expressed there is a difference between ongoing funds available for allocating yearly expenses and one-time carry over funds for the City's budget.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

**City Utilities – Variance
to the Unauthorized
Use Charge**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-059.

A general ordinance authorizing a variance to the unauthorized use charge for receiving overrun gas after notice and without prior approval, each as described or defined in the Curtailable Gas Service Rate (Gas Rates Sheet No. 3 of General Ordinance 6319), to be imposed by City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri.

Rob Rector, Board of Public Utilities Chairman, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Rector noted the City and Midwest experienced an unprecedented weather with sub-zero temperatures and subsequent energy market event. He further noted the Board of Public Utilities believes nearly all the curtailable customers complied with the natural gas curtailment request as best they could. Mr. Rector added with the record cold weather temperatures coupled with required electrical rolling blackouts, customers risked vital exposure to their businesses and the health and safety of their employees and their customers. He noted the Board of Public Utilities met on February 25, 2021 and discussed the past recent historic weather events and the issue of utilities. He further noted the Board of Public Utilities determined due to the extraordinarily high cost of natural gas, along with required electrical rolling blackouts, and the good faith efforts demonstrated by nearly all of City Utilities curtailable customers, the application of the unauthorized use charge as written would result in an unreasonable penalty to the curtailable customers. Mr. Rector noted after an analysis and discussion, the Board of Public Utilities determined varying the unauthorized use charge to be imposed during February 2021 from ten times the price of natural gas to one and one-half times the price of natural gas would still result in a full recovery of costs caused during the natural gas shortage and continue to provide a deterrent to encourage the curtailable customers to be prepared for the future. He further noted the Board of Public Utilities will undertake a comprehensive review of the charge and will determine if a permanent change is needed. Mr. Rector commended City Utilities staff for their

foresight in pre-purchasing energy resources for the City and for their quick response to implement emergency alert procedures when necessary.

Amy Derdall, City Utilities Associate General Manager - Finance and Chief Financial Officer, also provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Derdall reiterated City Utilities is requesting varying the unauthorized use charge to be imposed during February 2021 from ten times the price of natural gas to one and one-half times the price of natural gas would still result in a full recovery of costs caused during the natural gas shortage and continue to provide a deterrent to encourage the curtailable customers to be prepared for the future. Ms. Derdall noted that reducing this penalty does not take away from residential or smaller commercial customers.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification whether the proposed would be a one-time variance. Ms. Derdall answered affirmatively, and noted it relates only to the past historic cold temperature events during the period of February 13-19, 2021. She reiterated City Utilities would undertake a comprehensive review of the charge and will determine if a permanent change is needed in the future. Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the impact if City Council decided not to approve the proposed. Ms. Derdall noted if the proposed is not approved, City Utilities would apply additional billing costs, which would total approximately \$6 million, to their curtailable customers relating to the past historic cold temperature events during the period of February 13-19, 2021.

Councilman Simpson expressed his belief the issue of price gouging occurred within the United States during the past historic cold temperature events during the period of February 13-19, 2021. He further expressed the slide regarding the Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline Gas Daily Index History could be considered price gouging, which should be reviewed for possible action by the State. Ms. Derdall expressed her support for the State reviewing the issue of price gouging. She further expressed if price gouging is determined and handled by the State, City Utilities would act according with customers for those actions.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification regarding the average amount a curtailable customer would be receiving relating to the variance. Ms. Derdall noted the variance amount will vary from customer to customer. She further noted she does not have an average variance cost amount for a curtailable customer she could currently provide. She further noted City Utilities currently has approximately twenty-five curtailable customers, and approximately ten of them would be impacted by the proposed. Ms. Derdall noted City Utilities staff would provide City Council with additional information for their review.

Councilman Ollis expressed his appreciation to City Utilities and the Board of Public Utilities for their dedicated service to the community.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the impact of the past historic cold temperature events during the period of February 13-19, 2021 upon residential customers and small businesses. Ms. Derdall noted this would be outlined within Council Bill 2021-060.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the variance to the unauthorized use charge to be imposed during February 2021 from ten times the price of natural gas to one and one-half times the price of natural gas would still result in a full recovery of costs caused during the natural gas shortage regarding the curtailable customers. Ms. Derald noted the variance to the unauthorized use charge proposed in the accompanying ordinance modifies the charge for any City Utilities customer receiving overrun gas, after notice and without prior approval, in February 2021 to one and one half times the average gas daily index for Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. Ms. Derald further noted curtailable customers agree that in exchange for not paying certain pipeline transmission and storage service fees, they will do the following: will have a backup generation system that can substitute for natural gas usage; and will curtail natural gas usage when City Utilities notifies them of a natural gas shortage. She added the curtailable gas service rate also provides if curtailable customers do not curtail their usage of natural gas upon notice and without prior approval, they will pay an unauthorized use charge. Ms. Derald noted the purposes of this charge includes discouraging curtailable customers from using natural gas after receiving notice of a curtailment and making sure that City Utilities recovers any costs it may have incurred due to penalties charged by natural gas pipelines. Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether City Utilities has imposed penalties in the past to curtailable customers. Ms. Derald answered affirmatively and noted she does not have the information available about the number of past penalties imposed to curtailable customers but would compile information for the City Council's review.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Matt Morrow spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Morrow noted he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. He expressed his belief for economic development opportunities to occur, affordable utility resources are necessary to stay competitive to keep and bring other business development into the community, especially for curtailable customers. He further expressed if the proposed is not approved, it may have catastrophic consequences for some curtailable customers. Mr. Morrow expressed his appreciation to City Utilities and City Council for their dedicated service within the community.

There being no additional speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

City Utilities – Variance to the Recovery Adjustment Factor

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-060.

A general ordinance authorizing a variance to the Recovery Adjustment Factor for Under-recovery (Over-recovery) of Prior Purchased Gas Cost Dollars, each as defined in the Purchased Gas Clause (Gas Rates Sheet No. 4 of General Ordinance 6319), to be calculated by City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri.

Amy Derald, City Utilities Associate General Manager - Finance and Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Derald noted the proposed includes a separate recovery adjustment factor for under-recovery of prior purchased gas costs recorded for February 2021 that will be calculated semiannually for

estimated recovery of such amount over a period of up to twenty-four months beginning April 2021. She further noted any amount of under-recovery of prior purchased gas costs recorded for February 2021 at the end of such period would be calculated together with under-recovery of prior purchased gas costs used to calculate the semiannual recovery adjustment factor to be effective for the next six-month period thereafter. Ms. Derald noted during the past unprecedented weather events during the period of February 13-19, 2021, the increased demand for natural gas due to prolonged sub-zero temperatures and decreased supply from frozen natural gas wells caused the market gas prices to spike to unprecedented levels. She further noted to ensure delivery of natural gas to its customers, it was necessary for City Utilities to purchase a portion of the required natural gas at extraordinarily high market prices. Ms. Derald noted approval of the proposed would spread such cost recovery over a longer period than currently provided in the purchased gas clause to reduce the monthly impact to City Utilities customers.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification whether the current recover period would be for six months as opposed to the proposed twenty-four months. Ms. Derald answered affirmatively and noted the average amount for the increase per customer would be approximately \$375.00, which would be spread out over the proposed twenty-four months period. Mayor McClure noted during the past unprecedented weather events during the period of February 13-19, 2021, City Utilities customers utilized more natural gas than normal due to the colder temperatures. Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the impact if City Council decided not to approve the proposed. Ms. Derald noted if the proposed is not approved, City Utilities would apply the added costs of approximately \$1.60 per dekatherm, which would begin in April 2021 through September 2021 to customer bills. She further noted residential customers utility bills would double for the six-month period due to the added costs if the proposed is not approved. Ms. Derald added non-residential customers, such as small businesses, utility costs would also significantly increase.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification whether the proposed would have a significant impact upon some customers, and if so, what should customers do about payments. Ms. Derald noted if customers are unable to pay their utility payments, to please contact City Utilities for assistance for possible billing arrangements. Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the amount needed to cover the costs City Utilities incurred during the unprecedented cold weather during February 13-19, 2021. Ms. Derald noted the amount costs incurred was approximately \$38,000,000.00. She further noted City Utilities does pre-purchase energy supplies, but due to the decreased supply from frozen natural gas wells caused the market gas prices to spike to unprecedented levels.

Councilman Lear expressed his appreciation to City Utilities for the proposed. He asked for clarification whether the added costs would be based upon each customers usage. Ms. Derald answered affirmatively and noted \$375.00 would be the average added cost amount per customer. She noted if the proposed is approved, City Utilities would be reviewing the costs after approximately six months to see if any costs adjustments would need to be made. Councilman Lear asked for clarification regarding the utility reserve amounts. Ms. Derald noted part of City Utilities

contingency reserves funds will be utilized in the amount of approximately \$15,000,000.00, which will help fund a portion of the recovery costs, with the remaining portion needing to come from their overall operating funds. She further noted City Utilities is required maintain a certain level of contingency reserve funds.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether the proposed twenty-four months would be for residential and commercial customers. Ms. Derald noted the proposed would apply to firm customers, which would be residential and commercial customers, and would not apply to curtailable customers. Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the penalty provision amounts for curtailable customers. Ms. Derald noted the penalty provision amounts that exceeds the gas costs incurred by City Utilities, will reduce the amount being collected from the residential and commercial customers to help reduce the amount of the approximate \$38,000,000.00. Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the estimated amount of penalties by curtailable customers. Ms. Derald noted the estimated costs of penalties incurred by curtailable customers is approximately \$1,000,000.00. Councilman Hosmer expressed he would like information compiled about the history of penalties for curtailable customers. He expressed his appreciation to City Utilities for their dedicated service to the community.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification whether City Council would be updated after six months if the proposed is approved for re-review. Ms. Derald noted if the proposed is approved, City Utilities would not be returning to City Council for an update about the proposed but would be providing an update every six months to the Board of Public Utilities.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jan Holland spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Holland noted she is the Chairwoman of the City Utilities Citizens Advisory Council. She noted the proposed will help lessen the financial strain on many individuals and households who are customers of City Utilities.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was declared closed.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Elena Kunevich addressed the issue of equity and equality. Ms. Kunevich expressed her belief she is being harassed and discriminated against at her apartment complex. She expressed her frustration with apartment management and the Police Department for not taking actions to prevent the discrimination and harassment.

Councilman Hosmer asked if City staff could follow-up with the Police Department about this issue. Jason Gage, City Manager, answered affirmatively.

Lisa Meeks addressed the issue of masking. Ms. Meeks expressed her opinion the City Council does not appear to take her previously presented statements and analysis as fact. She further expressed her belief the masking mandate is unjust and asked City Council not to renew the masking mandate in April.

Patricia Tursi addressed the issue of masking. Ms. Tursi expressed her belief there are many lawsuits appearing about the issue of masking, vaccines, and citizen rights. She further expressed her belief there is a censorship occurring within the country, which is violating individual rights of free speech. Ms. Tursi expressed her opinion masking is causing individuals to get sick. She asked City Council to not renew the masking mandate for April 2021.

Jan Dumas addressed the issue of masking. Ms. Dumas thanked the City Council for them allowing citizens to speak. She expressed her opposition to the masking mandate. Ms. Dumas further expressed her belief masking does not prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are detrimental to the well-being of individuals.

Gerald Keim addressed the issue of trash, as well as masking. Mr. Keim expressed his concern with the visible level of trash within the community. In addition, he expressed his belief masking hides faces, and no one can see if an individual is smiling. He requested the City Council not renew the masking mandate in April.

NEW BUSINESS

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following reappointment to the Personnel Board: Erica Cook with term to expire March 1, 2024.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Chris Lebeck with term to expire January 1, 2025.

The City Manager recommend the following reappointments to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Greg Lewis with term to expire December 1, 2022.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bills.

**Liquor License – 307
South Jefferson Avenue**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-061.

A resolution granting a new liquor license to sell liquor by the drink at retail, including Sunday sales to Prairie Pie, LLC, d/b/a Prairie Pie, for their location at 307 South Jefferson Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

Council Bill 2021-061. Resolution 10561 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Appointments to the
Convention and
Entertainment
Community
Improvement District
Board of Directors**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-062.

A resolution confirming the appointments of Marc Foremen and Thys Jones to the Convention and Entertainment Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2021-062. Resolution 10562 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Missouri Department of
Higher Education and
Workforce Development
Grant**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-063.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept \$7,000 in additional grant funds, from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development for the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment project; amending the budget of the Department of Workforce Development for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$7,000 to appropriate the funds; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Council Bill 2021-063. Special Ordinance 27473 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Appointments to the
Board of Directors of
the Springfield Center
City Development
Corporation**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-064.

A resolution approving the appointments of Chris Ball, Louise Knauer, Allen Kunkel, and Randy Blackwood to the Board of Directors of the Springfield Center City Development Corporation.

Council Bill 2021-064. Resolution 10563 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

Confirm the following appointment to the Industrial Development Authority: Brandon Jenson with term to expire October 31, 2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman Schilling seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita J. Cotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Prepared by
Anita Baker