

January 25, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session January 25, 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. Abe McGull, Matthew Simpson, Mike Schilling, Phyllis Ferguson, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, and Ken McClure. Absent. None.

Minutes The minutes of January 11, 2020 City Council meeting and January 5, 2021 Special City Council meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk's Note: The January 5, 2021 Special City Council meeting minutes were approved at the January 11, 2021 City Council meeting, however, were inadvertently left on for approval on the January 25, 2021 agenda.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Jason Gage, City Manager, noted an emergency funding agreement has been finalized in the amount of \$95,500.00 for crisis cold weather sheltering with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO)-Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness. He further noted these funds would be utilized for on-site staffing, leased space, and supplies, and for 10 individual campground trailers-hookups. Mr. Gage added CPO has obligated the Gathering Tree to use 10 individual trailers for unsheltered persons during the cold weather season not only for this year, but for 10 years.

Mr. Gage noted the City is continued with collecting public input regarding the Renewal Jordan Creek project. He further noted this project intends to daylight the Jordan Creek and bring it to the surface, which will help reduce flooding and improve water quality. Mr. Gage added this project will also provide an urban amenity for further development in the downtown area. He noted individuals may visit RenewJordanCreek.com to learn more about the project and to participate in a survey.

Mr. Gage noted the public is invited to attend another virtual informational session about the Grant Avenue Parkway project, which is scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Mr. Gage noted the Police Department has begun implementing the new body-worn camera program for more than 200 patrol officers. He further noted this process will continue throughout the week for implementation. Mr. Gage added by the end of the week, every patrol officer will be wearing a body camera, which will be in operation during all interactions with citizens. He noted additional information about the City's body-worn camera program can be found on the Police Department's website.

Mayor McClure expressed his excitement about the Grant Avenue Parkway project. He encouraged those interested to go to the City's website for additional information, as well as to view the past January 19, 2021 City Council Lunch video where this project was discussed.

**Public Health
Director Report**

Clay Goddard, Springfield-Greene County Health Director, gave a COVID-19 update. Mr. Goddard noted COVID-19 positive cases have been decreasing, and is encouraged by the decrease in numbers. Mr. Goddard encouraged everyone to remain vigilant by practicing social distancing at least 6 feet apart, handwashing and sanitizing, and wearing a mask until additional vaccines become available for further immunizing individuals.

Mr. Goddard noted vaccines are coming slowly to the region, which will take some time for individuals to be immunized. He further noted even with the vaccine, experts are not sure if the vaccine will prevent the variant strains of COVID-19, some of which are very contagious. Mr. Goddard noted excluding the local hospitals, the local region has currently received over 10,000 vaccine doses for immunizing individuals. He expressed his belief the local region is doing well with immunizing individuals with the COVID-19 vaccines received.

Mr. Goddard noted for those individuals within a high-risk category, they should contact their healthcare provider regarding the COVID-19 vaccine for availability.

Mr. Goddard asked everyone to please consider participating in the Finish Strong pledge by staying vigilant and pledging to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. He noted the Finish Strong pledge, as well as additional information, is available via health.springfieldmo.gov/finishstrong. Mr. Goddard further noted approximately 6,700 individuals have currently signed-up for the Finish Strong pledge, including himself. He added if anyone would like additional information about receiving COVID-19 updates, to please contact the Health Department at 417-874-1211.

Mayor McClure noted it appears on the City's dashboard that hospitalizations are also decreasing. Mr. Goddard answered affirmatively and noted the local healthcare system is experiencing a decrease in COVID-19 positive cases.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her excitement about the number of COVID-19 cases decreasing.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification whether the COVID-19 positive case counts are a continuation from the past holiday season. Mr. Goddard expressed his belief some of the positive case counts may be linked to the holiday season, but not all. He noted individuals within the Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the vaccination plan are being vaccinated, but the amount of vaccine available is still limited.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification whether individuals who are not high risk can sign up to receive a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available. Mr. Goddard expressed his belief he does not believe Cox nor Mercy are currently allowing individuals who are not classified as high risk to register in advance to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. He noted the Health Department and the Jordan Valley Health Center are only currently vaccinating individuals who are classified within the Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the vaccination plan.

Councilman Simpson expressed his appreciation to the Health Department for their response during the COVID-19 pandemic. He asked for clarification regarding the proposed COVID-19 vaccine from Johnson and Johnson and if this vaccine once approved would be available for immunizing individuals locally. Mr. Goddard noted the proposed COVID-19 vaccine from Johnson and Johnson that is pending approval, which would be a one-time vaccine shot, may be available for distribution in March 2021. He expressed his belief there are currently a lot of unknowns about the proposed COVID-19 vaccine from Johnson and Johnson, such as who will be recommended to receive this vaccine.

Councilman Simpson asked for clarification regarding the immunization response from those individuals who have already received their COVID-19 vaccines. Mr. Goddard noted the Health Department has received good feedback about the immunization response, particularly since second shots have been administered to the Phase 1A vaccination plan group. He further noted some individuals have reported flu like symptoms, which have been relatively short-term, for side effects from the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Councilman Ollis expressed his appreciation to the Health Department for their response regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. He encouraged everyone to consider getting the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification whether individuals who are classified in the Phase 1A or 1B vaccination plan group can receive their COVID-19 shot at a later time. Mr. Goddard noted he is encouraging everyone who is eligible to be put on the list for the vaccine. He further noted the vaccine supply is limited, which makes the wait time longer. Mr. Goddard expressed his belief for those individuals who are at high risk should be vaccinated to help reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19. He noted if someone who is eligible for the vaccine signs-up and then decides they do not want the vaccine, they would probably have to wait an extended period of time to receive another opportunity for the vaccine.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether the City's public safety personnel have currently received their COVID-19 vaccinations. Mr. Goddard noted the Health Department has provided an opportunity for the City's police and firefighters to receive the COVID-19 vaccinations. He further noted he does not know how many individuals have been currently immunized. Mr. Gage noted those City staff members within public safety are being encouraged to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

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

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading.

**Rezoning at 3800
and 3850 South
National Avenue
and 1271 East
Bradford Parkway**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-005.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 9 acres of property generally located at 3800 and 3850 South National Avenue and 1271 East Bradford Parkway from Planned Development No. 12, 1st and 5th Amendments, to GI, Government and Institutional Use; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 191; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Lester E Cox Medical Centers; 3800 & 3850 South National Avenue and 1271 East Bradford Pkwy; Z-21-2020 w/COD #191.)

Councilman Simpson expressed his support for the proposed.

Council Bill 2021-005. General Ordinance 6630 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning at 2009
West Kingsley
Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-006.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.59 acres of property generally located at 2009 West Kingsley Street from GR, General Retail district, to R-MD, Medium-density Multi-family Residential district; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 190; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Housing Authority of Springfield; 2009 West Kingsley Street; Z-20-2020 w/COD #190.)

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed.

Council Bill 2021-006. General Ordinance 6631 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning at 1610
North Broadway
Avenue and 1701
North Irving
Avenue**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2021-007.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.86 acres generally located at 1610 North Broadway Avenue and 1701 North Irving Avenue from HC, Highway Commercial to Planned Development No. 376; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Springfield Victory Mission Inc.; 1610 North Broadway Avenue; Planned Development 376.)

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her support for the proposed with reservation. She noted some individuals who utilize the overnight shelter services at the Victory Mission also participate in illegal activities, such as drugs. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson further noted these illegal activities have an impact upon the local surrounding neighborhoods and businesses, especially for children who live within the area. She added she will be talking with Jason Hynson, Executive Director at the Victory Mission, to see if the Victory Mission would consider picking up trash along the intersection area of Division and Commercial Street for a street adoption project, since this area is a gateway for historic Commercial Street and should be maintained.

Council Bill 2021-007. General Ordinance 6632 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Amending Airport Overlay District

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2021-008.

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Section 36-406 'Airport Overlay District,' to allow certain development in the Airport Overlay District with review and recommendation by the Springfield-Branson National Airport Board and with approval by City Council. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: City of Springfield; Citywide; Airport Overlay District Amendments.)

Council Bill 2021-008. General Ordinance 6633 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Annexing 5544 and 6006 West State Highway 266 (A-1-21)

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2021-009.

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits;' and amending Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones;' for the purpose of annexing 239 acres of private property into the City of Springfield, Missouri, generally located at 5544 and 6006 West State Highway 266 and being generally referenced as Annexation A-1-21. (By: JJ&J Incorporated and Deer Lake Partners, LLC; 5544 and 6006 W. State Hwy 266; A-1-2021.)

Council Bill 2021-009. General Ordinance 6634 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Rezoning at 5544 and 6006 West State Highway 266

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2021-010.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 239 acres of property generally located at 5544 and 6006 West State Highway 266 from County Plot Assignment Districts 1015 and 1995, to HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 193; and adopting an updated

Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: JJ&J Incorporated & Deer Lake Partners, LLC; 5544 West State Highway 226; Z-23-2020 w/COD #193.)

Council Bill 2021-010. General Ordinance 6635 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending
Building Trades
Examination and
Certification
Board**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-011.

A general ordinance amending Springfield City Code, Chapter 36, 'Land Development Code,' Article IV. – 'Building Trades Examination and Certification Board,' Division 6. – 'Fees and Licenses,' Sections 36-544(b) and 36-545(a) to shorten the renewal period for trade certifications, registrations, and licenses from six months to three months.

Mayor McClure moved to amend Council Bill 2021-011 to change the effective date of the ordinance to July 1, 2021, by striking the phrase "from the date of its passage" on line 43 and adding the phrase "on July 1, 2021" in its place.

Councilman Simpson seconded the motion, and the amendment was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views regarding the amendment only.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there are no scheduled speakers.

There being no speakers, the public hearing will be held over on the amendment only until the February 8, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**Agreement with
the Springfield
Convention &
Visitors Bureau**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2021-012.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Addendum #1 to the annual agreement with the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., executed on August 18, 2020; and amending the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$1,625,612, for the purpose of reflecting current and projected operational changes of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed.

Council Bill 2021-012. Special Ordinance 27453 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Amending Fee Schedule

Sponsor: Lear, Schilling, Fisk, and Simpson. Council Bill 2021-013.

A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services as provided in the Springfield City Code, by making adjustments as provided in the attached "Evaluation of Charges for Municipal Services;" and adopting new fees for certain City services. (The Finance and Administration Committee recommends approval.)

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed. He commended the Finance and Administration Committee and City staff for their work regarding the proposed.

Council Bill 2021-013. General Ordinance 6636 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Exchange of property at Smith Park located at Glenstone and Division

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-014.

A special ordinance authorizing the exchange of approximately 0.15 acres of Smith Park, generally located at 1536 East Division Street, for a portion of real estate for right-of-way generally located at the intersection of Glenstone and Division; and accepting an executed sanitary sewer easement across 1536 East Division Street. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.) (By: The Springfield-Greene County Parks Board; 1536 East Division Street; Request to Dispose 526.)

Council Bill 2021-014. Special Ordinance 27454 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Agreement with Ridge at Ward Branch and RW Development, LLC.

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-015.

A special ordinance approving a Transportation Project Agreement between the City of Springfield, Ridge at Ward Branch Transportation Development District, and RW Development, LLC. (Staff recommends approval).

Council Bill 2021-015. Special Ordinance 27455 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Bid for Fasnicht Trail Improvements and Luster Avenue Sidewalk Project

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-016.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Fasnicht Trail Improvements and Luster Avenue Sidewalk project; accepting the bid of KCI Construction Company in the amount of \$159,176.10 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her support for the proposed. She noted there were several bids submitted and was pleased with the response from the various companies, especially since some were below the engineer's estimate.

Dan Smith, Public Works Director, noted City staff has been encouraging local contractors and organizations about bidding for City projects. He further noted the City's Purchasing Department was also instrumental in helping to promote the various City projects for online bidding.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson commended City staff for their dedicated efforts about the bidding process for City related projects.

Councilwoman Fisk expressed her appreciation for the proposed. She further expressed she hopes the new sidewalks for students attending Field Elementary can be completed before school starts next year.

Councilman Ollis expressed his appreciation and support for the proposed. He noted he was pleased with the response from the various companies for the various projects.

Council Bill 2021-016. Special Ordinance 27456 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Bid for the
Galloway Trail
Reconstruction –
Republic Road to
Sequiota Park**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-017.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Galloway Trail Reconstruction – Republic Road to Sequiota Park; accepting the bid of Liming Concrete, LLC, in the amount of \$141,380, for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Councilman McGull asked for clarification whether Liming Concrete has conducted any other past City projects. Dan Smith, Public Work Director, expressed Liming Concrete has constructed other bidding projects for the City, and does a good job.

Council Bill 2021-017. Special Ordinance 27457 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Bid for the
Sidewalk
Connection to
Galloway Trail
Project –
Greenwood Street
to Lone Pine
Avenue**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-018.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Sidewalk Connection to Galloway Trail project – Greenwood Street to Lone Pine Avenue; accepting the bid of D&E Plumbing & Heating, LLC, in the amount of \$163,051.90 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Dan Smith, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the proposed. He noted there were discrepancies relating to the description of the proposed and location of the traffic signal, which need to be amended.

Councilman Simpson moved to amend Council Bill 2021-018 by replacing the explanation sheet with a revised explanation sheet that amends the description of the project and is on file with the City Clerk; replacing “Exhibit A” with a revised “Exhibit A” that is on file with the City Clerk; striking the word “west” on line 12 of the ordinance and adding the word “east” in its place; striking the word “Covington” on line 13 of the ordinance and adding the word “Greenwood” in its place; and striking the word “north” in line 14 and adding the word “south” in its place.

Councilman Schilling seconded the motion, and the amendment was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views regarding the amendment only.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there are no scheduled speakers.

There being no speakers, the public hearing will be held over on the amendment only until the February 8, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**Bid for the
Harvard Avenue
Sidewalk Project**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-019.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Harvard Avenue Sidewalk project; accepting the bid of KCI Construction Company, in the amount of \$98,685.50 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2021-019. Special Ordinance 27458 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Agreement with
Ozarks Technical
Community
College and Fire
Department**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-020.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a First Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Ozarks Technical Community College regarding cooperative training between the Springfield Fire Department and Ozarks Technical Community College for the purpose of extending the term of the existing agreement.

Councilman Simpson recused himself from the proposed due to Ozarks Technical Community College being his employer.

Council Bill 2021-020. Special Ordinance 27459 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. None. Abstain: None.

RESOLUTIONS

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants.

**Agreement with
the Missouri
Highways and
Transportation
Commission – Air
Service Marketing
and Promotion for
the Airport**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-025.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement between the City of Springfield and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for a grant of funds to the City, by and through the Springfield-Branson National Airport Board, in the amount of \$100,000 for air service marketing and promotion of the Springfield-Branson National Airport and which requires the Airport to provide matching funds in the amount of \$11,111; amending the budget of the Airport Board in the amount of \$111,111; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval on one reading.

Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson National Airport Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Weiler noted the Airport Board applied for a grant from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC), which has been awarded to help with the marking and promotion of the Airport. He further noted if approved by the City Council, the Airport will be required to provide matching funds in the amount of \$11,111.00 to help complete this project. He added these grant funds are from taxes on aviation fuels sold in the state, and does not impact the Missouri Department of Transportation's road and bridge program.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification regarding the number of passengers at the Airport this past year. Mr. Weiler noted the Airport finished the year at approximately 50% for passenger traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic compared to the previous year. He further noted leisure traffic has been relatively strong despite the pandemic, while business traffic remains low. Mr. Weiler expressed his belief Airport staff is hopeful passenger traffic will rebound within the next couple months.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification whether the grant amount available from the MHTC is based upon a percentage of the aviation fuel sold locally. Mr. Weiler noted the grant amount awarded is based upon a tiered system. He further noted the total grant funds available for awarding in this cycle for statewide distribution from the MHTC was approximately \$1 million.

Councilman Simpson expressed his appreciation for the proposed. He commended the Airport staff for recently gaining federal designation for international travelers as a Global Entry Enrollment Center, which is a program from the United States Customs and Border Protection that allows faster clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travelers.

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

Council Bill 2021-025. Special Ordinance 27460 was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**319 Nonpoint
Source Pollution
Grant – Renew
Jordan Creek**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-026.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to fund the Renew Jordan Creek – Main Avenue to Boonville Avenue Project; amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$300,000; and declaring this bill may be passed in one reading.

Chris Dunnaway, Public Works Principal Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted last January 2020, the City applied for a grant per Resolution No. 10491 pertaining to the Renew Jordan Creek project. He noted the proposed will be used to fund water quality enhancements, including components above and beyond the current scope of the project. He further noted the project will include a naturalized stream channel, landscaped riparian zone, and stormwater green infrastructure to reduce nonpoint source pollution, with the goal of improving aquatic habitat and water quality. Mr. Dunnaway added public education and outreach efforts, and monitoring water quality before and after construction to measure the benefits of the project would also be included.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the current water quality status of the Jordan Creek and the remediation efforts needed for improving the water quality. Mr. Dunnaway noted, currently, the Jordan Creek is on a stage 303D list with the State for the creek being impaired due to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) levels. He further noted the City is working on updating the Jordan Creek to help improve the status of the water quality. Mr. Dunnaway noted improving this stretch of Jordan Creek by daylighting may not be enough to get the creek removed from the 303D listing, but the proposed would help improve the overall water quality of the creek and help improve runoff issues.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether the grant funds for the proposed are from federal funding. Mr. Dunnaway answered affirmatively and noted the Missouri Department of Natural Resources received monies from the federal government for these grant funds. He asked for clarification regarding the sources of the PAHs for the contamination of Jordan Creek. Mr. Dunnaway noted PAHs can be found in a variety of sources, such as coal, gas, and other organic substances, and parking lot areas that utilize coal-tar based asphalt sealants. He further noted the City's Environmental Services Department has a program regarding clean pavement initiatives to discourage individuals and businesses from utilizing coal-tar based

sealants within the city limits. Mr. Dunnaway noted the proposed will help the City address nonpoint source pollutions for Jordan Creek.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification whether PAHs are a carcinogen. Mr. Dunnaway answered affirmatively.

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

Council Bill 2021-026. Special Ordinance 27461 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS

COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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

Amending Bylaws – Airport Board

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2021-027.

A special ordinance amending the bylaws of the Airport Board of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

Joy Latimer, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the proposed. Ms. Latimer noted the bylaws of the Airport Board have not been amended since October 16, 2006. She further noted the Airport Board would like the following: update their bylaws to clarify that its meetings may be held in person, telephonically, or electronically; add language that monthly meetings may be canceled by the Airport Board Chair if there is no new business scheduled for a meeting; and to implement other administrative changes. Ms. Latimer noted these changes are included within the proposed.

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

Amending Salary Ordinance – Building Development Services

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-028.

A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2 92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Salary Ordinance,’ to add three full-time-equivalent positions in the Department of Building Development Services; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget of the Department of Building Development Services to reallocate funds for the addition of said positions and adjust the number of authorized employee positions.

Dwayne Shmel, Building Development Services (BDS) Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Shmel noted BDS would like to add three new full-time equivalent positions to the professional, technical, and administrative (PAT) salary schedule, which are the following: 1 Land Use Inspector as a PAT 7 position;

and 2 Residential Construction & Zoning Inspectors as PAT 8 positions. He further noted the issue of nuisance enforcement has been a long-standing City Council priority. Mr. Shmel added with the proposed additional positions, BDS will be able to increase effectiveness, quality of service to citizens, and to better handle the issue of nuisances within the community.

Councilman McGull expressed his support for the proposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification regarding the three new full-time positions responding to nuisance requests within the community. Mr. Shmel noted the additional Land Use Inspector will give BDS a greater capacity to resolve ordinance violations by helping BDS adapt from a response only approach with nuisance issues to a practice of enforcement approach for all violations. He further noted the two Residential Construction & Zoning Inspector positions will help shift residential and remodel inspection back to the area it belongs. Mr. Shmel added these two positions will also enable BDS to increase enforcement of the City's blighted building code, as well as the newly adopted property maintenance code. He expressed his belief the inspectors need to be cross trained to help with other areas within BDS for flexibility as needed. Mr. Shmel noted if the proposed is approved, BDS would have 5 Land Use Inspectors and 5 Residential Construction & Zoning Inspectors.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted prior to 2008, the City had approximately 10 Land Use Inspectors, which were located within the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. She expressed her appreciation for the City slowly increasing the staffing in BDS to handle code violations within the City.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification regarding the amount of staffing in previous years in BDS for responding to code violations, such as nuisances. Jason Gage, City Manager, noted City staff would compile information for the City Council's review. He further noted with the proposed, BDS should be better equipped to address the various code violations more efficiently and effectively occurring in the community. Mr. Gage added depending upon the volume of requests from citizens, City staff may need to come back to the City Council for future consideration to possibly add additional positions in BDS if needed.

Councilman Ollis expressed his belief the City needs to focus on the issue of code violations, such as nuisances, within the community. He noted this is a first step in helping address various code violations effecting neighborhoods. Councilman Ollis expressed his support for the proposed.

Mr. Shmel expressed his belief the training of staff is important in helping to build and develop a good team.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion the City should be proactive in dealing with various code violations within the community with primary enforcement. He noted City staff should not wait until a citizen request about a possible code violation is received before responding for inspection and investigation. Mr. Shmel answered as additional resources and personnel are added in BDS, he would like a more

proactive approach in handling the issue of code violations in the future versus a reactive approach. He noted he would like to build a relationship with the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her belief some individuals who live in some of the neighborhoods within Zone 1 are reluctant on making citizen requests to the City for fear of retaliation from nearby residents. She expressed her opinion more contractors are needed for cleaning-up nuisance properties for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked for clarification whether City staff has begun utilizing the software and handheld tablets to help address citizen requests while working out in the community on inspections. She also asked if the City has started working towards handling any upcoming nuisance issues as the springtime approaches, such as dealing with grass and weed requests. Mr. Shmel expressed his belief the handheld tablets are currently being utilized within BDS for field work inspections. Mr. Gage noted City staff would compile information for the City Council's review.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed she would like to provide Mr. Shmel a tour of Zone 1 at his earliest convenience.

Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Shmel for tonight's discussion.

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

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-029.

**Salary
Negotiations
Settlement with
IAFF Local 152**

A special ordinance amending the General Fund budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, by appropriating a portion of the Fiscal Year 2018-2020 carryover funds and increasing expenses in the amount of \$441,071 for costs associated with the settlement of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 salary negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 152 bargaining unit.

David Holtmann, Finance Director, provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the City wishes to amend the Fire Department's operating budget to provide the necessary funds from carryover monies for the costs associated with the settlement agreement. Mr. Holtmann added the costs are a one-time expense and are not part of the Fire Department's regular operating budget.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification whether these funds were previously set aside for this settlement agreement. Mr. Holtmann answered affirmatively.

Councilman Lear asked for clarification whether funds to the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 152 bargaining unit for the settlement has already been expended. Mr. Holtmann answered affirmatively and noted he believes the settlement has been taken care of.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification regarding the budget adjustment and the expenditure categories of four various organizations the settlement funds are coming out of pertaining to the judgements and claims. Mr. Holtmann noted the funds are being appropriated from where the expenses occurred for accounting purposes, such as for legal services.

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Annastasia Rideeoutte did not appear to address City Council.

Lisa Meeks addressed the issue of COVID-19. Ms. Meeks expressed her opinion masking seems to be spreading COVID-19 as opposed to preventing it. She noted she has been bringing new information each time to prove the issue of masking does not work. Ms. Meeks expressed she has brought information that the City Council seems to ignore. She expressed her opinion she is being discriminated by various stores for her inability to wear a face covering due to health conditions.

Heather Dietz addressed the issue of COVID-19. Ms. Dietz expressed her belief the City's masking mandate and COVID-19 restrictions upon businesses hinders the local economy and citizen rights. She expressed her opinion masking seems to be spreading COVID-19 as opposed to preventing it, and masking can compromise immune systems of individuals. Ms. Dietz further expressed her opinion the City's COVID-19 should be removed, so activities can get back to normal.

Mellony Burlison did not appear to address City Council.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Christopher Straw, to replace James Scott, with a term to expire December 1, 2023.

The City Manager recommends the following reappointments to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Chad Drake with term to expire December 1, 2023; Garen Gilmore with term to expire December 1, 2023; Lonney Smith with term to expire December 1, 2022; and Terry Speake with term to expire December 1, 2022.

Mayor McClure commended Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Lyle Foster, Owner of Big Mama's Café, for organizing a group of volunteer citizens to discuss the issues of equity and equality in the community after the tragic death of George Floyd last year in May 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her opinion more discussion is needed about addressing the issues of equity and equality.

Mayor McClure noted the equity and equality volunteer group meet approximately three times. He expressed his opinion additional work is needed regarding these issues. Mayor McClure proposed the establishment of the Mayor's Initiative on Equity and Equality for a 12-month period, which may have a membership of approximately 20 individuals. He asked for City Council to provide feedback and suggestions within the next couple of weeks about the proposed initiative at their earliest convenience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS

The following item appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda Second Reading Bills.

Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Highways and Transportation

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-021.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of operating and apportioning costs of the Traffic Management Center; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$37,742 for the receipt of lease payments.

Council Bill 2021-021. Special Ordinance 27462 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The City Manager confirms the following appointment to the Industrial Development Authority: Haylee Davis with term to expire October 31, 2023.

The City Manager confirms the following reappointments to the Industrial Development Authority: Jeffrey Schmitt with term to expire October 31, 2022, John Taylor with term to expire October 31, 2022, and Joel Thomas with term to expire October 31, 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by
Anita Baker

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk