

January 10, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session January 10, 2022 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*, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Angela Romine, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.

*Member attending via videoconference.

Mayor McClure recognized the Cub Scouts of America Pack 214 – Arrow of Light who were in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of December 13, 2021 City Council Meeting, December 14, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, and December 21, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Ceremonial Matters

Kristin M. Carter was sworn in to the Board of Public Utilities.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager noted Susan Istenes has been named the City's Planning & Development director, effective Feb. 15th and Cris Swaters has been named public affairs officer for Springfield Police Department, effective Jan. 24. Mr. Gage further noted the January-March edition of SGF Neighborhood News has been distributed and is an important tool. Springfield Police Department was awarded \$600,000 in grant funds from the Missouri Foundation for Health to start a co-responder/mobile crisis team hybrid program for the community. Burrell Behavioral Health was a key part of this grant program and our success. This is part of a policing evolution in our country to recognize signs of mental health and make efforts find appropriate services. Mr. Gage also noted the City has reduced catalytic converter thefts by 50%, utilized a recent police officer recruitment campaign to increase our recruit class to 26 for the January class and has begun using 12-hour patrol shifts to increase officer time on the street and enhance our entertainment district coverage with two patrol squads for coverage all 7 days of the week.

Police Chief Report

Paul Williams, Chief of Police noted the goal for new recruits was 25 and the class will have 26. There is one lateral hire. The department has 55 vacancies currently. 37 officers left the department this year. 18 retired, 2 resigned in lieu of termination and 2 were lost due to death or disability. 7 resigned officers left law enforcement and 8 sought law enforcement employment elsewhere. The national recruiting campaign is underway. Chief Williams thanked Cora Scott, PIO, and outside vendors for their work. The Department went to twelve hour shifts which puts more officers on the street at a time and gives the officers more time off on the weekends and will hopefully

improve work life balance. Personnel for investigations has been split into two units: homicide and violent crime. Cybercrime and child crime have been split into individual units. A position of Administrative Sargent has been created. There are approximately three municipal arrests per week. The jail can handle the influx at this time and there are an average of 15 municipal offenders in jail per day.

Councilman Hosmer asked about the over-hire provision. Chief Williams noted the provision is in place but the time to talk about the provision will be when fully staffed. Councilman Hosmer asked about non-sworn staff numbers. Chief Williams noted 13 of the 44 positions are vacant at this time. Councilman Hosmer thanked Chief Williams and the Police Department for their work.

Councilman Ollis congratulated Chief Williams on the recruit class, enforcement of municipal violations, and the Warrant Task Force. He thanked the Police Department for their work.

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

**Municipal and
Cost
Apportionment
Agreement:
sidewalks on
Glenstone Avenue**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-321

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to share costs associated with adding new sidewalks on Glenstone Avenue; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$378,521 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban funds for this project.

Council Bill 2021-321. Special Ordinance 27625 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, Romine, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Municipal and
Cost
Apportionment
Agreement:
sidewalks on
Kansas Avenue**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-322

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to share costs associated with adding new sidewalks on Kansas Expressway; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$718,571 to appropriate federal Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban funds for this project.

Council Bill 2021-322. Special Ordinance 27626 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, Romine, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

City Flag

Sponsors: Ollis, Simpson, Hardinger, Lear, Hosmer. Amended Council Bill 2021-323

A special ordinance approving a new design for the City of Springfield's flag.

Councilman Schilling moved to refer Amended Council Bill 2021-323 to the Community Involvement Committee so the Committee may work with City staff to establish an openly publicized process that will result in design submissions for a new City flag to be accepted, evaluated, and a selection made by City Council no later than July 1, 2022. Councilwoman Romine seconded the motion.

Councilman Ollis asked Cora Scott to speak to the process thus far. Ms. Scott noted the committee heard the issue once in 2019 and twice in 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted the committee was presented with 26 alternate designs through a design competition. Ms. Scott confirmed.

Councilwoman Romine expressed the belief the alternate designs were not presented to citizens. She noted there would be no additional cost to put the flag on the ballot in April of 2023 for a vote.

Following the discussion, the motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: Romine and Schilling. Nays: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Cora Scott, Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Scott noted the City recently hosted a second survey. The surveys were promoted through social media, signage, television, and radio. The second survey was available to citizens via phone, online, or paper copies. The survey was non-scientific. There were 8,863 responses, 4,335 in support and 4,528 in opposition. She noted there were duplicate responses on both sides.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there was duplication in the first survey and the results of the survey. Ms. Scott noted there was no duplication detected and 77% of participants felt Springfield needed a new flag. Councilwoman Romine asked if the duplications were removed from the number of responses. Ms. Scott noted the results contain total responses with none removed.

Mayor McClure asked Jan Millington, City Attorney if change to effective date would be deemed a substantive amendment. Ms. Millington answered it would not.

Mayor McClure moved to to amend Amended Council Bill 2021-323 by striking the phrase "immediately upon adoption" in lines 33 and 34 and inserting the phrase "on March 1, 2022" in its place. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, Romine, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk noted there were 15 speakers and per City Council Policies, speakers would be limited to three minutes each.

Frank Gillham spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Gillham noted his history in the City. He expressed his belief history is important and the current flag has value.

Debra Barker spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Barker noted the current flag is patriotic and expressed she is proud of the flag and it's meaning. She further expressed her belief that senior citizens were not given a chance to have a say and the recent survey was not inclusive of all.

Sharon Benton spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Benton expressed her belief the flag needs a refresh. She noted the proposed flag has symbolism that represents the City.

Heather Dietz spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Dietz expressed her belief the proposed flag has been forced on the community by a group profiting by its design. She further expressed her opinion the proposed design does not look like a flag that should represent a city.

Gerald Kime spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Kime expressed his belief the proposed flag does not represent Springfield.

Mike Kromrey spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his respect for the current flag and how the proposed flag invoked curiosity for him. He noted the symbolism of the proposed flag and his appreciation for the symbolism.

Meike Aton spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Aton expressed her belief the symbolism of the current flag shows connection to the United States and State flag. She noted the proposed flag does not have this connection. Ms. Aton expressed her belief all Springfield citizens should be represented.

Amy Castaneda did not appear.

Laekyn Brown spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Brown expressed her enthusiasm for the proposed design. She proposed an idea originated by her grandfather. The idea was to create an interactive exhibit within the history museum explaining stories and symbolism of the current and proposed flags.

Erik Sturdevant spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Sturdevant noted he is not in favor of the design and believes it violates the separation of church and state.

Darrel Day spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Day noted he served twice in Vietnam to protect the red, white, and blue flag and would like to keep the current flag.

Brian Schaaf spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Schaaf expressed his belief the proposed flag does not have meaning and is not recognizable. He expressed his opinion the proposed flag does not represent all of Springfield.

Mary Kromrey spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Kromrey expressed her appreciation for the group that proposed the new flag. She expressed her opinion the proposed flag compliments the City's quality of place.

Charles Church spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Church noted his objection to the flag process not including a vote of the people.

Kirk Banasik spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Banasik expressed his appreciation for the conversation regarding the flag. He noted he has experienced more enthusiasm for this flag than ever in the past.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted other flags were not voted on. He further noted the number of veterans on City Council and the flag is not a veteran issue. The flag is currently an open source design.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. Mr. Simpson noted the public input that occurred throughout the process. He noted his support for an exhibit of the current flag on it becoming historic if replaced.

Councilwoman Romine expressed her opposition to the proposed and believes the current flag is not well known as it has not been displayed as much as the proposed flag. Ms. Romine noted the last survey showed more citizens in opposition to the proposed and she is in favor of a vote of the citizens.

Councilman Ollis noted there have been multiple surveys and citizen input. Mr. Ollis expressed his support for the proposed and noted he has experienced enthusiasm and civic pride toward the proposed flag.

Councilman McGull expressed his support for the proposed. Mr. McGull noted the current flag has historical significance. He further noted the proposed flag represents change and growth.

Councilman Lear expressed his belief a flag does not have to be red, white, and blue to be patriotic. Mr. Lear noted the proposed flag denotes civic pride and great love for community.

Councilwoman Hardinger noted her experience with the proposed flag process. Ms. Hardinger expressed her belief the proposed flag is a positive symbol of progression for the community.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed flag. He noted being very deliberate as he watched the process. Mayor McClure further expressed his appreciation for the discussion and commended all citizens for their input. He noted there is a place for the current city flag and, if the proposed flag passes, the current flag will become historic. This historic flag would then be retired and become the historic flag.

Second Amended Council Bill 2021-323. Special Ordinance 27627 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Romine and Schilling. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

RESOLUTIONS.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants.

Rent Relief Airport Rescue Grant Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-001

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept a Rent Relief Airport Rescue Grant from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, to the City, by and through the Springfield-Branson National Airport Board in an amount of \$501,308 for the purpose of providing funds for the Springfield-Branson National Airport Board to provide rent relief to airport concessionaires; amending the budget of the Airport Board for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$501,308; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Weiler noted the grant will allow for rent relief to airport concessionaires.

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

Council Bill 2022-001. Special Ordinance 27628 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing.

Amended Petition for the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-002

A special ordinance approving the Amended Petition for the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield, the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District, and Missouri Commercial Development, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Greene County Clerk of the amendments. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Kerner noted the Community Improvement District (CID) was established on June 27, 2020, has a life of 30 years, was declared blighted, and may impose up to 1% sales and use tax to fund demolition and remediate blight. The boundary is significantly reduced as there is a business that does not want to be included in the CID.

Councilman Schilling asked what happened with the Springfield Inn and why the term is so long. Ms. Kerner noted the owner is selling and the developer is hopeful to terminate the CID sooner.

Councilwoman Romine asked about the special assessment. Ms. Kerner noted the owner of the property will essentially pay an additional property tax.

Councilman Hosmer asked if special assessment with a CID has previously been done. Ms. Kerner noted a combination of funding sources has been utilized in the past, however this combination has not.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Brett Roubal spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Roubal noted he is a member of the development group. He further noted demolition would start within approximately 30 days.

Councilman Hosmer asked the value of the \$5 per square foot. Mr. Roubal noted the taxes were approximated based on business types that may move into the project. The plan as a developer is to demolish the existing structures, rent the land and let the tenant build or build themselves and lease to tenants.

Ms. Kerner noted the process for Chapter 99 is that City Council approves the redevelopment plan then LCRA determines whether projects are built in conformance with that plan.

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

**Amending the
Springfield Land
Development
Code, Section 36-
306**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-003

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 38.95 acres of property generally located at 3908, 3972, and 4038 East Woodhue Lane from Planned Development 305 to R-SF, Residential Single-family; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 206; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Hickory Land Company LLC; 3908, 3972 & 4038 East Woodhue Lane; Z-22-2021 w/ COD #206.)

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Griesemer noted the property is appropriate for low-

density housing, there is no floodplain issues, a traffic impact study is not required, and fee in lieu of stormwater detention is allowed. There are conditional overlay district requirements.

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

**Amending Chapter
36 of the City
Code, Article III,
'Zoning
Regulations,'
Section 36-451:
Acupuncture**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-004

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Section 36-451, 'Home Occupations,' to allow acupuncture as a permitted home occupation. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted home occupations are carried out for compensation in a residential dwelling. The acupuncturist must have a professional license and obtain a business license.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the business activity is not always good for neighborhoods. Mr. Hosmer asked if the hours were excessive.

Councilwoman Romine noted there is only one client permitted at a time and there is not necessarily business nonstop throughout the permitted hours.

Councilman McGull expressed his belief the City is permitting many home businesses and asked how the City prevents this from getting out of control. Jason Gage, City manager noted the business is expected to be low volume.

Councilman Schilling expressed his belief home occupations are a good opportunity for individuals. Mr. Schilling asked what occupations are allowed currently. Mr. Hosmer provided a list of what is currently permitted. Mr. Schilling expressed his support.

Councilman Lear expressed his support for home occupations. He noted home occupations help with childcare and transportation issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted acupuncture is a licensed profession, but there does not appear to be any requirement of state inspections.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Abba Anderson spoke in support of the proposed. Abba Anderson noted she is an acupuncturist. She further noted there is no state inspection, you must acquire a degree and be licensed to become an acupuncturist. She added acupuncture is used for pain management, women's health issues, and autoimmune or mental/emotional issues.

Councilman Lear asked if there is a state inspection in a business setting. Ms. Anderson noted there is no inspection whether in a home or business setting.

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

**Amending the
Springfield Land
Development
Code**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-005

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 3, 'Administration, Enforcement and Review,' Subdivision III, 'Review, Appeals and Amendments,' Section 36-365, 'Variances.' (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to remand Council Bill 2022-005 to the Planning and Zoning commission for further review and revisions. Councilman Ollis seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, Romine, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

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

**Amending the
Springfield City
Code, Chapter 58:
Refund**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-006

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 58, "Health and Sanitation", Article II "Food and Food Establishments", Division 2, "Restaurants", Section 53 "Permit required; fees, suspension or revocation" to define a process by which City of Springfield food establishment permit holders with permanently discontinuing businesses may apply for a refund of the unused portion of their permit upon application approval by the Director of Public Health.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Health provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the amendment will allow a refund for food permit fees to a discontinuing business. He further noted the impact on the department is not expected to be overly burdensome.

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

**Amending the
Springfield City
Code, Chapter 118**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-007

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 118, 'Vehicles for Hire,' Article II, 'Taxicabs, Courtesy Cars and Airport Limousines,' Section 118-35, 'Applicability of article; exceptions,' to reflect changes in federal and state law.

Jill Burris, Assistant City Attorney gave a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Burris noted the Springfield City Code, Chapter 118-35 did not reflect changes in federal and state law. This amendment would update the code.

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

Mayor McClure called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

**Amending the
Springfield City
Code, Chapter 96:
Fee Structure**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-008

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 96, 'Storm Water,' Article I, 'Flood Control and Water Quality Protection,' by removing the detention fee in lieu of rate table in Section 96-16 and incorporating this fee structure into the annual fee study for regular evaluation and adjustments

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Dunnaway noted the fee in lieu of had not been updated in several years. This amendment removes fee structure and references in the code and adds them to the fee study.

Councilman Lear expressed his belief the update is beneficial, so fees are regularly updated. Mr. Lear asked if this only applies when practical. Mr. Dunnaway answered affirmatively.

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

**Amending the Fee
Schedule for
certain City
services:
"Evaluation of
Charges for
Municipal
Services;" and
adopting new fees**

Sponsor: Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, & Simpson. Council Bill 2022-009

A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services as provided in the Springfield City Code, by making such 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.)

Teresa Allen, Budget Coordinator gave a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Allen noted the changes include increasing fees by CPI, recover 100% of cost, and Enterprise Fund Fees can recover cost plus future maintenance needs. She added 85 fees for services were evaluated. The proposed fees are estimated to generate \$633,000 additional revenue.

Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Allen for the work her department has done and thanked Councilman Lear for the work of the committee.

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

Constructing and maintaining sanitary sewers: Chestnut South Lift Station Relief Sewer Project

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-010

A special ordinance declaring the necessity of condemning permanent and temporary easements over, under, and through the properties herein described for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sanitary sewers in the Chestnut South Lift Station Relief Sewer Project, #2017PW0007; and authorizing designated officers, or their designees, to do all things necessary to carry out the terms of this Ordinance.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Petering noted the proposed declares the necessity of easements and is for the property located at 4848 West Farm Road 136.

Councilwoman Romine asked what is currently on the property. Mr. Petering noted there is a house. He clarified the proposed would allow for sewer to be placed on the property.

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

Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources: Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-011

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

Erick Roberts, Superintendent of Solid Waste gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roberts noted the proposed would amend the existing contract of obligation. He added the process is defined by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and costs can change each year. Mr. Roberts noted an adjustment is required due to inflation and the adjustment increase is \$720,240.

Councilman Hosmer asked where the total amount is. Mr. Roberts noted a portion is set aside and funds are collected to be available at closure. Mr. Hosmer asked how long Landfill capacity is expected to last. Mr. Roberts noted from 50 to 70 years. Total cost for closure and post-closure if the landfill is built to full capacity is approximately 28 million dollars.

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

Amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022: appropriate retained earnings

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-012

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) to appropriate retained earnings from the Solid Waste Fund for the engineering design, construction, and oversight of the Landfill Office

Building Remodel/Expansion and the Lone Pine Recycling Center Improvements.

Wade Drossel, Assistant Director of Environmental Services gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Drossel noted due to increased costs the funds are being requested prior to bid.

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

Council Bills 2022-013 and 2022-014 were read together.

**Wastewater
Service Contract
and Mutual Aid
Agreement: City of
Strafford**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-013

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Wastewater Service Contract and Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Strafford for the purpose of continuing to provide contract wastewater service to Strafford.

**Wastewater
Service Contract
and Mutual Aid
Agreement: City of
Willard**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-014

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Wastewater Service Contract and Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Willard for the purpose of continuing to provide contract wastewater service to Willard.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the City of Strafford and the City of Willard have opted to use City of Springfield wastewater services. These contracts provide a streamlined approach to these agreements. He added Springfield will charge a per gallon fee to recover expenses.

Councilman Schilling asked how much revenue will be generated from this change. Mr. Kemper noted the revenue remains approximately the same from the old contracts to the new. The impact to capacity is increased so the master plan is being updated.

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

**Infrastructure
Reimbursement
Agreement: Buc-
ee's Springfield,
LLC**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-015

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with Buc-ee's Springfield, LLC, for improvements to the I-44 / Mulroy Road interchange, improvements to Mulroy Road north of I-44, and extension of public utilities to facilitate the development of property for the Buc-ee's development.

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Kerner noted there is a total of \$9.2 million dollars in public improvements to be reimbursed to the developer. This is through a combination of infrastructure reimbursement agreement and community improvement district. She

added a future Council Bill will submit a CID petition for approval. Ms. Kerner noted the public improvements are to be reimbursed with Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreements (IRA) totaling \$4.1 million dollars. She added the interest rate is 2%. And public benefits of the project include new sales tax generation, good wages and benefits, and opening additional land for development.

Councilman Schilling asked how much money Buc-ees is investing. Ms. Kerner noted Buc-ees will be reimbursed for the infrastructure and Buc-ees will pay for their own private improvements. Mr. Gage noted the reimbursement is for the infrastructure only. He noted the proposed will open the area for further development and clarified stormwater guidelines must be followed and will be addressed prior to development.

Councilman Schilling expressed his concern regarding water quality. Dan Smith noted strategies and guidelines will have to be met regarding water quality.

Councilwoman Romine asked how homes in the area will be impacted such as property taxes. Ms. Kerner noted property assessments are up to the county. Mr. Gage noted improvements can cause property values to increase and zoning is looked at when determining where to place a business. He further noted Buc-ees is clean, a good neighbor, and not a truck stop.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification of the location. Ms. Kerner noted it is on I-44 and Mulroy road. Mr. Ollis clarified the City is taking new sales tax and building infrastructure. He added the area currently brings in no sales tax. Mr. Ollis expressed his opinion \$30 million in annual sales and 200 jobs is a win. Mr. Gage noted the community wants to take full advantage of interchanges.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the IRA will only be used to develop infrastructure. Ms. Kerner answered affirmatively. Mr. Hosmer asked what the CID would be used for. Ms. Kerner noted public utility extensions, Buc-ees boulevard right-of-way, demolition, and materials testing.

Councilman McGull expressed his support for a project that hires locally to build infrastructure and creates additional jobs in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted Buc-ees would pay for improved roads, generate sales tax of which a portion would be reimbursed to the development.

Councilman Lear noted his support for businesses that add higher paying jobs in the community. He further noted to help poverty in the area, bringing in businesses that pay higher wages is a positive.

Mayor McClure expressed his support and noted the benefits of the proposed.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views

Stan Beard, a representative of Buc-ees was available for questions. Mr. Beard noted this is the first store in Missouri. He further noted they are expecting to get started on

construction this year. As a company, they follow all water quality rules and strive to exceed them. He stated Buc-ees is a good neighbor and they are successful because they pay higher wages.

Councilman Ollis asked how long it takes to build a Buc-ees. Mr. Beard noted approximately 12 months. He noted more than half of their sales are food and the food is made on location. Mr. Beard further noted the stores are clean and safe. Councilman Ollis noted his enthusiasm for Buc-ees coming to Springfield.

Britton Jobe spoke in support of the proposed expressing his belief the development could be viewed as a retail landmark, bringing people to Springfield.

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

**City of Springfield
to dispose: 532 N.
Boonville**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2022-016

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield to dispose of approximately 0.09 acres of property generally located at 532 North Boonville Avenue. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Griesemer noted the property was originally purchased as part of Jordan Valley Park Central Green to remove blight and provide for future development. He added the City has no need of the property and Missouri State University will purchase the property. The proposal meets Planning and Zoning Commission policy to dispose of the property.

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

**Contract for the
sale: 532 N.
Boonville**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2022-017

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for the sale of certain real estate generally located at 532 North Boonville Avenue and adjacent to the Roy Blunt Jordan Valley Innovation Center, to Missouri State University.

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Kerner noted Missouri State University wants to use the property to construct a scientific laboratory. The facility will create an additional 10-15 high paying jobs.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jen Cox, University Space Manger for Missouri State University spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Cox noted they are currently working on design with Paragon.

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

Council Bills 2022-018, 2022-019, and 2022-020 were read together.

**Amending the
Springfield City
Code, Chapter 2,
Article III,
Division 1, Section
2-92, known as the
'Salary Ordinance'**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-018

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service in order to provide for pay adjustments for all employees on the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non Union Schedule, the Professional, Administrative and Technical Unclassified Schedule, the Crafts, Trades and Labor Non Union Schedule, the Fire Protection Non Union Schedules, and the Law Enforcement Non Union Schedule, and to department heads; to freeze certain steps of certain grades within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Non-Union Salary Schedule; and to amend the Commission-Based Supplemental Pay Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the City in the amount of \$739,300 to appropriate funds for the pay adjustments.

**Third Amendment
to the
Employment
Agreement: Jason
A. Gage**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-019

A special ordinance adopting and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Employment Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Jason A. Gage; and authorizing payment of salary and benefits to Jason A. Gage in accordance with the provisions set forth therein.

**Third Amendment
to the
Employment
Agreement: Anita
J. Cotter**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-020

A special ordinance adopting and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Employment Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Anita J. Cotter; and authorizing payment of salary and benefits to Anita J. Cotter in accordance with the provisions set forth therein.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources provided a brief overview of the proposed bills. Ms. Morrison noted the formal recommendations are for a 4% across the board pay increase and changes to the existing contracts of the City Manager and City Clerk.

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

American Rescue Plan Act funds: eligible full time, non-union employees of Health Department, Police Department, Fire Department: Retention

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-021

A special ordinance authorizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to be paid to eligible full time, non-union employees within the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, the Police Department, and the Fire Department for the purpose of employee retention and adopting a payment schedule for such retention payments; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$1,719,700 to appropriate funds for said retention payments.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources provided a brief overview of the proposed. The proposed addressed ARPA funds and retention payments for non-union employees in the aforementioned departments.

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

Council Bills 2022-022, 2022-023, 2022-024, and 2022-025 were read together.

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-022

A special ordinance approving the Second Addendum to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Fire Department, to provide for mid-year pay increases and to provide for distribution of certain American Rescue Plan Act funds to members of the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of employee retention; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Second Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$1,670,000 to appropriate funds for said pay increases and retention payments.

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-023

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Police Department to provide for mid-year pay increases and to provide for distribution of certain American Rescue Plan Act funds to members of the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of employee retention; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$3,055,300 to appropriate funds for said pay increases and retention payments.

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-024

A special ordinance approving the Fourth Amendment to the July 1, 2019, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Employee Group, to provide for freezing of certain steps within certain grades, for mid-year pay increases, and to provide for distribution of certain American Rescue Plan Act funds to limited members of the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of employee retention; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Fourth Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$125,300 to appropriate funds for said pay increases and retention payments.

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-025

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit consisting of limited employees within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee Group, to provide for freezing of certain steps within certain grades and for mid-year pay increases for all members of the Bargaining Unit; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$8,100 to appropriate funds for the pay increases.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources gave a brief overview of the proposed. The proposed addressed ARPA funds and retention payments for each of the City's bargaining units.

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

The following items appeared on the agenda under Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications.

Withdrew Clifford Vanetta withdrew.

Did not appear Daryl Baker did not appear.

Appeared Ben Brown addressed City Council. Mr. Brown noted his son's car was stolen. He expressed his disapproval of the policy that police do not respond to stolen vehicle reports noting insurance companies prefer a police report. Mr. Brown noted he believes an outside company should look at the issue.

Appeared Lisa Meeks addressed City Council. Ms. Meeks expressed her opposition to the rules regarding how many times a citizen can speak to a Council Bill and the time constraints. Ms. Meeks expressed her belief citizens should be allowed to speak either more times per bill or for a longer time.

The following item appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Records Disposal 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.

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

License agreement with Environmental Works, Inc: maintaining monitoring wells Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2022-026
A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a license agreement with Environmental Works, Inc., for the purpose of installing and maintaining monitoring wells on public property at 2750 West Kearney to monitor groundwater conditions, at no cost to the City.

Dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Hickory Hills Phase III Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-027
A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Hickory Hills Phase III, generally located at 3908, 3972, and 4038 East Woodhue Lane, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

License Agreement to Use Public Right-of-Way with O'Reilly Hospitality Management: Air Vent at 430 South Avenue

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-028

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a License Agreement to Use Public Right-of-Way with O'Reilly Hospitality Management, LLC, for the purpose of allowing an encroachment onto City rights-of-way for the installation and maintenance of an air vent at 430 South Avenue, under the same terms and conditions as encroachments are permitted on City rights-of-way under Chapter 98, Article VII of the Springfield City Code.

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

Confirmation of appointments: Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District Board of Directors

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2022-029

A resolution confirming the appointments of Dan Griffin, Tyler Hoke, Eleanor Taylor, Paula Adams, Sarah Kerner, and Allen Kunkel to the Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff and the Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District Board of Directors recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2022-029. Resolution 10611 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Prepared by
Michelle Brown

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk