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COUNCIL BILL 2022- 030 RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION

1 RECOGNIZING Bill Weaver for his forty-five years of dedicated service as an
2 employee of the City of Springfield.
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5 WHEREAS, Bill Weaver began working at the Land Clearance for
6 Redevelopment Authority ("LCRA") in 1977 as Director of Acquisition and Disposition,
7 and his title was later changed to Director of Real Estate; and
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9 WHEREAS, while at the LCRA, Mr. Weaver was responsible for land acquisition
10 and assembly for several key redevelopment projects including University Plaza,
11 Sherman Avenue Redevelopment Area, Grant Avenue Playground Redevelopment
12 Area, and Silver Springs Redevelopment Area; and
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14 WHEREAS, the LCRA was absorbed into the City of Springfield in 1984, and Mr.
15 Weaver's title changed to Development Economist for the then-Department of
16 Community Development; and
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18 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Development Economist, Mr. Weaver assisted
19 in establishing the City's Small Business and Housing Loan Program in the mid-1980's,
20 and he continued to assist with land acquisition and disposition activities, including land
21 acquisition in the Ferguson Sinkhole Area after the 1993 flood; and
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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver became Research Coordinator in the Planning Section
24 of the Planning and Development Department in 1994 and, during his tenure in that
25 position, was responsible for preparation of the annual Capital Improvements Program
26 and was instrumental in establishing GIS capabilities within the department; and
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28 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver transferred into the Economic Development Section of
29 the Planning and Development Department in 2002 with the title of Development
30 Economist and has since continued to acquire land for City purposes, primarily in the
31 downtown and Jordan Valley Park areas; and
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33 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver provided valuable support from 2012-2016 in the real
34 estate acquisition, disposition, and construction management necessary to accomplish
35 the West Wye Connector project, which improved public safety, provided a more

36 efficient rail system, and promoted economic development in central Springfield by re-
37 routing a number of BNSF trains away from Center City; and
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39 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver is responsible for three high-profile center city land
40 acquisitions: the MFA Feed Mill, which is now the Roy Blunt Jordan Valley Innovation
41 Center; the L.E. Cox Building, now home to the Jordan Valley Community Health Center
42 and the State Crime Laboratory; and the Springfield Mill and Lumber property, which
43 now houses the Police Special Response Team, a large training auditorium, and
44 additional expansion and outside storage space; and
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46 WHEREAS, as an inaugural member of the Department of Economic Vitality,
47 created by City Council in 2021, Mr. Weaver has been a valuable contributor to the new
48 department's role in encouraging reinvestment and quality economic growth,
49 coordinating significant development projects that impact the community's tax base,
50 retaining and facilitating expansion of existing businesses, promoting entrepreneurship,
51 and attracting new businesses by fostering a positive business environment; and
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53 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver serves on the Brownfields Committee and staffs the
54 LCRA; and
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56 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver's real estate acumen and business sense have been a
57 key factor in the success of the City's various incentive programs, including the loan
58 programs and property tax abatement programs.
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60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
61 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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63 Section 1 – The City Council of Springfield, Missouri congratulates Bill Weaver
64 for his forty-five years of committed service to the City and expresses its sincere
65 appreciation for his dedication to the citizens, and City of Springfield.
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67 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
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69 Passed at meeting: _____
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72 Mayor
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74 Attest: _____, City Clerk
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76 Filed as Resolution: _____
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79 Approved as to form: Jill Bunnis, Assistant City Attorney
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82 Approved for Council action: Jason A. Hays, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2022 - 030

FILED: 01-18-22

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Economic Vitality

PURPOSE: To recognize Bill Weaver for 45 years of dedicated service to the City of Springfield.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Bill began working at the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority ("LCRA") in 1977 as Director of Acquisition and Disposition. His title was later changed to Director of Real Estate. While at the LCRA, Bill was responsible for land acquisition and assembly for several key redevelopment projects including University Plaza, Sherman Avenue Redevelopment Area, Grant Avenue Playground Redevelopment Area and Silver Springs Redevelopment Area.

In 1984, the LCRA was absorbed into the City of Springfield and Bill's title was changed to Development Economist for the then-Department of Community Development. Bill assisted in establishing the City's Small Business and Housing Loan Programs in the mid-1980's. Bill continued to assist with land acquisition and disposition activities, including assisting with land acquisition in the Ferguson Sinkhole Area after the 1993 flood.

In 1994 Bill became Research Coordinator in the Planning Section of the Planning and Development Department. He was instrumental in establishing GIS capabilities within the department and was responsible for preparation of the annual Capital Improvements Program.

In 2002 Bill transferred into the Economic Development Section with the title of Development Economist. Bill continues to acquire land for City purposes, primarily working in the downtown and Jordan Valley Park areas. He is responsible for three high-profile center city land acquisitions: the MFA Feed Mill, which is now the Roy Blunt Jordan Valley Innovation Center; the L.E. Cox Building, now home to the Jordan Valley Community Health Center and the State Crime Laboratory; and the Springfield Mill and Lumber property, which now houses the Police Special Response Team, a large training auditorium, and additional expansion and outside storage space.

From 2012-2016, Bill provided valuable support in the real estate acquisition, disposition, and construction management necessary to accomplish the West Wye Connector project, which improved public safety, provided a more efficient rail system, and promoted economic development in central Springfield by re-routing a number of BNSF trains away from Center City.

As an inaugural member of the Department of Economic Vitality, created by City Council in 2021, Bill has been a valuable contributor to the new department's role encouraging reinvestment and quality economic growth, coordinating significant development projects that impact the community's tax base, retaining and facilitating

expansion of existing businesses, promoting entrepreneurship, and attracting new businesses by fostering a positive business environment.

Bill serves on the Brownfields Committee and staffs the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority. Bill's real estate acumen and business sense has been a key factor in the success of the City's various incentive programs, including the loan programs and property tax abatement programs.

REMARKS: Staff recommends approval

Recommended and Submitted by:



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Approved by:



Jason Gage,
City Manager