

January 13, 2020
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session January 13, 2020 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: Mike Schilling, Phyllis Ferguson, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Matthew Simpson, and Ken McClure. Absent: Abe McGull

Minutes The minutes of December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting and December 17, 2019 and January 7, 2020 Special City Council Meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Jason Gage, City Manager congratulated the History Museum on the Square for being named America’s Best New Attraction by the readers of USA Today. He noted Springfield has earned this recognition two out of the past three years as Wonders of Wildlife won two years ago.

Mr. Gage noted councilmembers have at their place the latest edition of the SGF Neighborhood News which is published by the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement.

Mr. Gage congratulated the Springfield Fire Department for winning the annual Police versus Fire Charity Hockey Game. He noted the event benefits the Greene County 100 Club. He further noted the club is a 501(C)3 organization that provides financial support to the surviving spouse and dependent children of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty in Green County, Missouri.

Mr. Gage thanked all the sponsors and supporters of Home for the Holidays. He noted the City hosted approximately 300 servicemembers from Fort Leonard Wood. There was tremendous support from both the public and private sector, and he expressed he is grateful to have an impressive base located in our state. He further noted Commanding General Donna Martin was in Springfield for the day and shared her appreciation and amazement at Springfield’s show of support.

Mr. Gage noted in addition to the BUILD Grant awarded to the City, Public Works was also notified of a \$1.5 million grant to supplement the construction of the Galloway Street Widening Project. Governor Parson recommended 20 transportation projects for funding through the Governor’s Transportation Cost Share Program. The purpose of the Governor’s Cost Share Program is to build partnerships with local communities to pool efforts and resources to deliver road and bridge projects.

Mr. Gage noted the Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights & Community Relations is working to gain feedback from the community on issues of inclusion. In the coming

weeks, they will be launching a Community Inclusion Survey to help better understand the needs of the community and provide input into future Commission and City work. He thanked Councilman Simpson for his help with the project, noting the City is dedicated to creating a culture that can only be achieved in an environment that fosters mutual respect of all people.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills

**International
Property
Maintenance Code**

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-252. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the ‘Land Development Code,’ by repealing Article VII, ‘International Property Maintenance Code,’ in its entirety, and enacting a new Article VII, ‘International Property Maintenance Code.’ (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Councilman Hosmer moved to table Council Bill 2019-252 until the February 10, 2020 City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schilling.

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

**Show Me PACE
Substitute**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-261 Substitute No. 1. A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to join the commercial component of the Show Me PACE Clean Energy District created pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835, known as the “Property Assessment Clean Energy Act;” stating the City’s intent to participate in the commercial component of the “Property Assessed Clean Energy” Program as a member of such District; requesting appointment to the District’s Advisory Board; disclaiming any need for appropriation; and directing the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Directors of the District.

Council Bill 2019-261 Substitute No. 1. Ordinance 27263 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Show Me PACE

Sponsor: Ollis, Lear, Hosmer, and McGull. Council Bill 2019-261. A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to join the commercial component of the Show Me Property Assessment Clean Energy District created pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835, known as the “Property Assessment Clean Energy Act;” stating the City’s intent to participate in the commercial component of the “Property Assessed Clean Energy” Program as a member of such District; requesting appointment to the District’s Advisory Board; disclaiming any need for appropriation; and directing the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Directors of the District. (Recommended by Plans and Policies Committee.)

Council Bill 2019-261. Council Bill 2019-261 failed due to the passing of Council Bill 2019-261 Substitute No. 1.

Conditional Use Permit

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2019-274. A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 440 for the purpose of allowing a nursing and retirement home within the R-MD, Medium-density Multi-Family Residential district located at 4349 South Kansas Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval).

Anita Cotter, City Clerk noted a protest petition was received and found to be insufficient at 0.58 percent and a copy of the supplemental explanation sheet has been provided at the councilmember's places. Therefore, a supermajority will not be required to pass the proposed.

Council Bill 2019-274. Ordinance 27264 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Wastewater Code

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2019-276. A general ordinance amending Chapter 120, 'Wastewater Regulations,' Article VI, 'Wastewater Charges and Rates,' Section 120-245, 'Rates' and Section 120-247, 'Extra charges,' of the Springfield City Code by repealing the existing rate schedule and establishing new rate schedules that provide for phased-in rate increases annually for three years, beginning July 1, 2020, which shall provide necessary funding for the additional debt service cost of complying with the Clean Water Act and Missouri Department of Natural Resources mandates. (Environmental Services recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2019-276. Ordinance 6565 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

C-Street TIF

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-277. A special ordinance amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2019–2020 in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of approving expenditures from the Commercial Street Tax Increment Financing Special Allocation Fund for certain public improvement projects within the Commercial Street Tax Increment Financing District. (Staff and the City Loan Committee recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2019-277. Ordinance 27265 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Blaine Street Façade Loan Program

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-278. A special ordinance amending the Blaine Street Façade Loan Program Rules and Regulations for the purpose of expanding the boundaries of the loan program and renaming the program to reflect the amendments.

Council Bill 2019-278. Ordinance 27266 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

**Twehous
Excavating Bid**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2019-280. A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 to appropriate retained earnings of the Solid Waste Fund for the design, permitting, construction and construction oversight of the Cell II Phase II solid waste disposal unit; accepting the bid of Twehous Excavating Co., Inc., for the construction of the Cell II Phase II solid waste disposal unit at the City of Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for said improvement.

Council Bill 2019-280. Ordinance 272677 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions

**Short-Term Rental
Appeal 1758 South
Fremont**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-001. A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit for the property located at 1758 South Fremont Avenue, for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted residents of the neighborhood acquired 3 of 5 required signatures during their neighborhood meeting held on November 11, 2019.

Councilman Hosmer noted he would vote against the proposed. He expressed his belief that regulations should not be overruled every time there is a public objection.

Councilman Lear expressed his support for the proposed. He expressed his belief the neighborhood integrity would stay intact and noted more signatures were gathered than needed.

Councilman Simpson expressed his support for the proposed. He noted when councilmembers created the ordinance, they provided a review process for applications.

Council Bill 2020-001. Resolution 10490 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer and Ollis. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing

The following bills were read and discussed simultaneously.

**Annexation of 3615
and 3697 N State
Highway H/
Glenstone Ave**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-002. 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 6.3 acres of private property and 1.5 acres of Missouri Department of Transportation right-of-way into the City of Springfield, Missouri, generally located at 3615 and 3697 North State Highway H/Glenstone Avenue and being generally referenced as Annexation A-2-19. (By: James Peacock; 3615 & 3697 N. State Hwy H/Glenstone; Annexation A-2-19.)

**Rezoning 3615 and
3697 N State
Highway H/
Glenstone Ave**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-003. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 6.30 acres of property generally located at 3615 and 3697 North State Highway H/Glenstone Avenue from County R-1, Suburban Residence District and C-2, General Commercial District to GR, General Retail District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 182; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: James Peacock; 3615 & 3697 North State Highway H/Glenstone Avenue; Z-22-2019 w/COD No. 182.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted councilmembers initiated the annexation at the November 18, 2019 meeting at the property owner's request. She noted Council considerations before proceeding with annexation. She further noted the annexation is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Urban Service Area philosophy. She noted the rezoning includes a Conditional Overlay District which requires a Traffic Impact Study. She further noted staff and Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Michael White, representing the owner, spoke in support of the proposed. He offered himself to councilmembers should they have any questions.

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

**Rezoning 3525
East Battlefield
Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-004. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 17 acres of property generally located at 3525 East Battlefield Road from Planned Development No. 226 to GR, General Retail District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 180; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: McLean Enterprises; 3525 E. Battlefield Road; Z-23-2019 with Conditional Overlay No. 180.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted general retail is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan which encourages commercial development at intersections of major streets. An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk noted a representative would be available should councilmembers have any questions.

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

**Rezoning 3411
South Kansas
Avenue**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-005. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 2.27 acres of property generally located at 3411 South Kansas Avenue from R-LD, Low Density Multi-Family Residential District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 162, to R-MD, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 179; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Project Collective, LLC; 3411 South Kansas Avenue; Z-21-2019 w/Conditional Overlay No. 179.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed increases the density from 18 dwelling units per acre to 20. She further noted no access will be permitted to Kansas Avenue as a condition of a past rezoning.

Councilman Schilling asked what caused the addition of new units. Ms. Smith noted the applicant has changed and looked at a different design.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jason Finley, representing the developers, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted they changed the site plan to the presented conditional overlay. He expressed his belief the project would now become financially feasible.

Councilman Lear asked if a detention is required on the property. Mr. Finley responded affirmatively.

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

**Rezoning 2521
South Holland
Avenue**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-006. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 3.6 acres of property generally located at 2521 South Holland Avenue from R-SF, Single-family Residential to R-LD, Low-Density Multi-family District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 181; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Jefferey Ballard; 2521 South Holland Avenue; Z-24-2019 w/Conditional Overlay District No. 181.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development gave a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the Land Use Map is not sufficiently detailed to determine land use. She further noted the Comprehensive Plan encourages each neighborhood to have a range of housing types. Surrounding land uses and zoning include single-family houses to the north, commercial uses to the east, greenway spaces to the south, and duplexes to the west.

Councilman Simpson asked if the conditional overlay district provision specifies that a no-rise condition requires a net-zero impact regarding runoff from any development on the property. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively and noted there are representatives from both stormwater and traffic divisions available to answer specific questions related to this question.

Julie Hawkins, Professional Engineer provided clarity on the no-rise condition. Councilman Simpson asked if any downstream impacts are anticipated if the proposed were approved. Ms. Hawkins noted downstream impacts are addressed by the no-rise condition.

Councilman Simpson asked if the site plan would result in roughly forty-five percent of the property becoming an impervious surface. Ms. Smith explained there is not a site plan associated with the zoning. He asked what the typical impervious surface coverage of a single-family residential development is. Ms. Smith noted between forty and fifty percent. He asked if the City owns the property to the south. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively. He asked if the eighty-foot stream buffer would continue to exist if development would occur. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively.

Councilman Lear asked if the area was currently zoned single-family. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively. He asked if councilmembers chose to not act, would it allow the owners to pursue more single-family development. Ms. Smith noted they could, provided they met the plat requirements of the subdivision regulations. Councilman Lear noted some residents have expressed their desire to keep the area a green space, however, the area is currently zoned as single-family residential. He asked what it would take to keep the area a green space. Ms. Smith noted the owner could voluntarily keep it a green space, the area could be acquired by an entity that desired to keep it green space, or a land easement could be placed.

Councilman Schilling noted he received citizen input expressing concern of the potential increase in traffic that may occur due to the proposed. He also received concerns pertaining to the narrowness of Holland Street and the concern for residents who have hearing impaired children attending school nearby. Ms. Smith noted traffic engineers have studied the traffic flow and believe traffic will flow out to Downing Street. She expressed her belief the average daily trip count is favorable to the area when compared to other collector streets.

Councilman Hosmer asked where the FEMA flood plan is located. Ms. Hawkins described the location as being near the tree line on the map before Council. He asked what percentage of the property is within the flood plan. Ms. Hawkins noted she did not know the percentage. He asked how staff measures runoff on a development. Ms.

Hawkins explained the process. He asked how accurate said process is. Ms. Hawkins noted it is an engineer's calculation and would not be able to speak to its accuracy. He asked how many units are planned to be developed on this tract. Ms. Smith noted a maximum of forty dwelling units would be allowed. An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Teresa Davison spoke in support of the proposed. She addressed concerns stated by residents, including property values, flooding, traffic near schools, and the narrowness of Holland Avenue. She noted the narrowness of Holland Avenue is going to be addressed by City staff for future development plans. She noted Downing Street is as wide as Jefferson Avenue, minus the sidewalks.

Councilman Simpson asked if the plan is to develop residences into townhome style units. Ms. Davison answered affirmatively and provided copies of the plans to councilmembers.

Brenda Claxton spoke in opposition of the proposed. She noted concern with flood plan development. She further noted she lives near Holland Elementary School and traffic renders the narrow street impassable during certain hours. She expressed her concern with additional vehicles utilizing the roads if the proposed passed.

Sherri Campbell spoke in opposition of the proposed. She expressed her belief additional traffic poses an extra safety concern for hearing impaired children. She noted she would like clarity on the phrase "fee in lieu of detention."

Councilman Simpson asked for clarity on the standards for being designated a collector street. Derrick Estell, Public Works Traffic Operations, provided clarity, adding it is his belief traffic will not have a major impact on the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked about future improvements to Holland Street. Derrick Estell expressed his belief there are not immediate plans for improvements. He noted there was not a traffic impact study for this development.

Councilman Lear asked for clarity regarding construction under certain parameters as it relates to FEMA. Julie Hawkins noted work is allowed in a flood plan and a permit is required. He asked if the phrase "fee in lieu of detention" is more about best practices or is it a way to pay to avoid doing work. Ms. Hawkins noted having a detention, in this case, would cause more flooding issues, thus paying a fee in lieu of the detention would be a best practice. She further noted they would still have to provide water quality assurances.

Councilman Schilling asked about the average cost to build a detention. Ms. Hawkins noted it varies depending on the detention method the individual uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked what the fee in lieu of detention was collected and used for. Ms. Hawkins noted this fee is used for stormwater improvements.

Stephen Campbell spoke in opposition of the proposed. He noted he has lived in his current location for nineteen years. He further noted the issues with stormwater in the area and expressed his belief further development may cause more flooding issues.

Bruce Steventon spoke in opposition of the proposed. He noted he is speaking on behalf of his ill father-in-law. He expressed his belief flooding is an issue on Holland Avenue. He noted his concerns also include property values and safety for school children.

Councilman Simpson wished Mr. Steventon's father-in-law a speedy recovery in health.

Jerilyn Reed spoke in opposition of the proposed. She noted there are three housing units nearby with openings and expressed her opposition to further housing units being created. She further noted school children's safety is one of her main concerns with additional traffic.

Councilman Simpson asked staff if there is road crossing equipment for the school on Holland to aid in safety for the hearing-impaired children. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works noted he did not believe there is currently any equipment. Councilman Simpson expressed his interest in acquiring safety equipment in the future.

Councilman Simpson asked how traffic would be impacted differently between the proposed, versus building approximately nineteen single family homes. Derrick Estell noted the data collected suggests less traffic would be generated at peak hours if the proposed were to pass.

Councilman Hosmer asked how traffic would be less if more people were to have residency in apartment units versus single-family homes. Derrick Estell noted the ITE Trip Generation Handbook generates the data based on several factors. Jason Gage, City Manager noted research considers differences in family travel and needs, such as families versus single individuals.

Jina Zarifis spoke in opposition of the proposed. She expressed concern with flooding in the area. She encouraged councilmembers to oppose the proposed.

Trish Pearson spoke in opposition of the proposed. She expressed concern with Holland Avenue being designated a collector street and wanted to know if the road would be widened. She further expressed concern with flooding in the neighborhood.

Jeff Ballard spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief there is a misunderstanding concerning the cause of flooding. He expressed sympathy with homeowners concerning stormwater issues. He noted he has a background in construction and expressed it is not uncommon to build in a flood plan so long as certain measures are taken.

Seth Entwisle spoke in opposition of the proposed. He expressed concern with building additional units in the area. He encouraged councilmembers to oppose the proposed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills

**Jefferson Avenue
Footbridge
Rehabilitation**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-008. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office for mitigation of adverse effects from the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Rehabilitation.

Andrew Flippin, Professional Engineer provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Flippin provided the rehabilitation history of the project. He noted the Memorandum of Agreement allows the City five years to construct rehabilitation, outlines directives upon the potential discovery of cultural items, and includes dispute resolution, amendments, and termination items. He further noted by bidding the alternate design presented, City Council will have the ability to award either the base bid plus the alternate or just the base bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson thanked Mr. Flippin for the presentation. She noted the bridge is a mode of transportation in her zone. She asked about bicycles having access to the elevators. Mr. Flippin noted that rails could be put in to accommodate the request. She asked for clarity between the bid costs. Mr. Flippin provided the cost differential and explained the differences.

Councilman Ollis asked if ADA compliance requires the elevators be put into the design. Mr. Flippin noted the structure must be upgraded to ADA standards. He further noted it is more cost effective to put in elevators than ramps under the design. Councilman Ollis asked if for clarity regarding if the project has already gone out for a bid. Mr. Flippin noted it has not gone out for bid, the projected costs are estimates.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Paden Chambers, Landmarks Board Chair spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Chambers noted there has been some concern regarding vestibules located in the design that would always need to be open to remain ADA compliant. He suggested the concern should be addressed before going out to bid.

Councilman Lear asked what suggestions have been presented to address the concern of vestibules being used for purposes other than intended. Mr. Chambers suggested the issue could be side-stepped by selecting an elevator design that would not require vestibules.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarity regarding the concern with vestibules. Mr. Flippin noted they are enclosed and climate controlled and would be attractive for homeless individuals to utilize.

Councilman Ollis asked if there is a plan for maintenance and cleaning regarding the elevator and vestibule area. Jason Gage, City Manager noted the City will plan accordingly to maintain the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if the elevator enclosure would be glass. Spencer Jones, Great River Engineering noted it is a steel frame with a glass enclosure. He further noted the idea would be to increase visibility to decrease the chance of improper usage.

Mary Collette, Commercial Club President spoke in support of the proposed. She noted the bridge has been closed for six years and remains an inconvenience for the area based on the inaccessibility to the bridge. She further noted there has been a loss in revenue for merchants on Commercial Street. She encouraged councilmembers to support the proposed alternate bid.

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

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Mayor McClure called a fifteen-minute recess. City Council reconvened at approximately 8:45 p.m.

**1/8 Cent
Transportation
Tax**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2020-009. A special ordinance amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$22,000,000, to appropriate the estimated proceeds of the first four years of the 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax approved by the Springfield voters on November 5, 2019; and authorizing the City Manager to exercise any necessary powers to complete transportation projects funded by the 1/8-Cent Transportation Improvements Sales Tax for the purpose of funding and completing those projects funded herein for 2021-2025.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed is a follow up and appropriation of funds approved by the November 2019 election. He noted the proceeds would go to design and construction of promised improvements.

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

Salary Ordinance

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-010. A general ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' for the purpose of adding one new job title to the Crafts, Trades and Labor ("CTL") salary schedule; by adding seven new job titles to the Professional, Administrative and Technical ("PAT") salary schedule; by adding three additional full-time equivalent positions; and by amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget of the City of Springfield, Missouri to adjust the authorized employee positions of the City.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the proposed addresses several Human Resources related matters for the Law, Environmental Services, and Risk Management Departments. She noted the fiscal notes are outlined in the explanation sheet and no budget adjustment is required.

Mayor McClure asked if the budget adjustment would be included in next year's budget. Ms. Morrison answered affirmatively, for Environmental Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if in the upcoming budget there would be a request for \$172,675 to cover the three new FTE's. Ms. Morrison noted she did not have the exact number at this time but would follow up and provide the information to councilmembers.

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

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Carryover Funds

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2020-011. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to amend contracts with Infor Public Sector, Inc., and appropriate Fiscal Year 2018-2019 carryover funds by amending the budget of the Department of Information Systems for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$250,000.00, for the purpose of continuing with Phase 2 of the implementation of the Infor Community Regulation and Development software.

Nicole Plowman, Administrative Systems Analyst provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted current software is from the 1990's and outdated. She further noted Phase 1 went live on October 15, 2018. Phase 2 was divided into three releases. The proposed would allow for the third release to be fully funded.

Councilman Simpson asked if anything is done to engage clients on feedback weather the process works. Ms. Plowman answered affirmatively.

Councilman Ollis noted he received feedback on the permitting aspect and asked if the process is going well. Jason Gage, City Manager noted the database touches many aspects and a lot has been learned. He noted there have been challenges and considers the process in a refinement stage. Councilman Ollis encouraged the continual soliciting of feedback on the permitting process.

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

Avigilon Control Center Software Contract

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-012. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of Avigilon Control Center Software and necessary hardware to implement a system to record the feeds from City of Springfield owned traffic cameras at a cost of \$90,000.00.

Paul Williams, Police Chief provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted Springfield has had traffic cameras for many years, however, the Avigilon program would allow for the storage of feed to another server, and analytical software for investigations. He further noted it is a onetime cost.

Councilman Simpson asked how long the record retention would be. Chief Williams noted they would follow Attorney General guidelines for audio and video retention

allowing for thirty days or longer if the feed is significant in an investigation. Councilman Simpson asked if these systems act as a deterrent and weather signage would be posted to inform the public. Chief Williams noted there is anecdotal evidence they assist in deterrence, and there is currently no effort to post additional signage.

Councilman Lear asked is there any personnel, archival, or sunshine costs associated with the proposed. Chief Williams noted any costs would be assumed by the Police Department. He further noted MODOT cameras would continue to operate a live feed.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief the intent for recording feed is not to act as a deterrent, but to help investigations. Chief Williams noted new personnel would not be added to monitor cameras, and all recorded feed would aid investigations later. Councilman Hosmer asked if any interest has been expressed by MODOT or Highway Patrol to opt into a recording feed. Chief Williams noted there have been and will continue to be discussions.

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

Home for the Holidays

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2020-013. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept donations totaling \$14,456.56 from Community Foundation of the Ozarks to cover the City's expenses to sponsor the "Home for the Holidays" event for certain service men and women stationed at United States Army Fort Leonard Wood; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$14,456.56.

Cora Scott, Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the event on December 23, 2019 was well received. She further noted there are excess funds in the amount of \$2,973.41 being reviewed for potential investment by United Way of the Ozarks and Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Councilwoman Fisk expressed her gratitude for the event. She noted she heard many positive comments from attendees, friends, and community members.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her gratitude for the event. She noted her personal experience not having children home for the holidays and expressed interest in having the event in subsequent years.

Mayor McClure expressed his gratitude for the event. He thanked community partners stepping up to assist. He expressed his belief events like this potentially help local employers, as servicemembers may look for employment in Springfield after their contract is fulfilled.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Peyton Andrews, representing the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of the proposed. She thanked councilmembers for their personal military service. She thanked Mayor McClure's leadership and willingness to partner with Fort Leonard Wood. She additionally thanked City staff for their efforts in hosting the event.

There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

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

Lisa Purdy addressed City Council. Lisa Purdy expressed the opinion flags with fringe present in City Council Chambers may be out of compliance with flag code.

Julie Bloodworth addressed City Council. She made three requests of councilmembers. First, to include citizens in policy discussions regarding nuisance properties. Second, adopt a robust set of ordinances to facilitate meaningful, timely abatements. Third, make necessary changes to city infrastructure and resources to enact said ordinances. She voiced support for Council Bill 2019-252 and expressed her belief it could positively address nuisance properties.

Councilman Ollis asked for a report on violations. He additionally asked if there could be an escalating fee structure implemented to help enforce nuisance property violations. Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services expressed his belief fee escalations could be implemented and noted there would be a future discussion concerning fee escalations. Councilman Ollis thanked Ms. Bloodworth for speaking with councilmembers.

Councilman Lear thanked Ms. Bloodworth for speaking with councilmembers. He expressed his desire to find a solution to the chronic problem of nuisance properties.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted neighbors can only tolerate nuisance properties for so long. She expressed her belief that properties would continue to deteriorate if the process is not addressed quickly.

Angela Mayer addressed City Council. She expressed concern with a chronic nuisance property in her area and requested action from councilmembers.

Councilman Ollis asked if the property has been turned in. Ms. Mayer responded affirmatively. He asked staff if councilmembers could receive a report regarding what is being done about the property. Jason Gage, City Manager noted a reported would be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if squatters are using a vacant structure should Council Bill 2019-252 note the legal requirements of dwelling in a vacant space. Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services noted he would refer the question to the Law Department for advisement. She encouraged Mr. Hill to consider steep escalating fees to deter chronic nuisance properties.

Councilwoman Fisk asked if additional complaints have been made against the property. Mr. Hill noted he has not been personally involved in this particular complaint but would follow up with councilmembers.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business

Recommended The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Mayor’s Commission for Children: Elizabeth Andrews with term to expire November 29, 2021.

Recommended The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority: Ben Edmondson with term to expire March 1, 2023.

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 bill appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda First Reading Bills

2136 East Turner Street Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2020-014. A special ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a deed to convey a portion of the property generally located at 2136 East Turner Street. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Preliminary Plat of Kay Pointe Place Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-015. A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Kay Pointe Place, generally located at 3652 West Kay Pointe Boulevard and 901 South West Bypass, upon the filing and recording of a final plat which 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.)

Preliminary Funding Agreement with Prosperiti Development Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-016. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Preliminary Funding Agreement between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Prosperiti Development, LLC; and amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding the preparation and review of amendments to the Commercial Street Tax Increment Financing Plan.

Greene County Storm Warning Sirens Agreement Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2020-017. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Services Agreement with Greene County, Missouri, for the City to continue to monitor and maintain the County Storm Warning Sirens.

Shop with a Hero Program

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2020-018. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant from the Walmart Community Grant Program to participate in the annual Shop with a Hero Program; and amending the budget of the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$13,500.00.

CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS

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

License Agreement

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-281. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a license agreement with Sun Belt Environmental Services, Inc., for the purpose of installing and maintaining two monitoring wells on public right-of-way at the site of a former fueling station generally located at 5230 West Highway 266, to monitor groundwater conditions at no cost to the City.

Council Bill 2019-281. Special Ordinance 27268 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None.

Confirmed

Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor’s Commission for Children: Brandy Harris with term to expire November 29, 2021.

Confirmed

Confirm the following reappointments to the Mayor’s Commission for Children: Christen Davis, Susan Henderson, and Missy Riley with terms to expire November 29, 2022.

Confirmed

Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor’s Commission for Human Rights: Cynthia Rushefsky with term to expire October 1, 2022.

Confirmed

Confirm the following reappointment to the Mayor’s Commission for Human Rights: Mike Jungers with term to expire October 1, 2022.

Confirmed

Confirm the following appointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Bill Hobbs with term to expire January 1, 2023.

Confirmed

Confirm the following reappointment to the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Martina Sally with term to expire January 1, 2023.

Confirmed

Confirm the following appointment to the Traffic Advisory Board: Rachel Weinhaus with term to expire April 1, 2020.

Confirmed

Confirm the following reappointment to the Traffic Advisory Board: Matthew Bumgarner with term to expire April 1, 2022.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointment to the Board of Equalization: Shana Mitchell with term to expire April 1, 2021.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Alexandra Sheppard and Lindsay Taggart with terms to expire May 1, 2021.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following reappointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Erin Gray with term to expire May 1, 2021.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointments to the Landmarks Board: Randall Allen and Adam Letterman with terms to expire November 1, 2020.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following reappointments to the Landmarks Board: Kaitlyn McConnell and Paul Lewis with terms to expire November 1, 2022.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following reappointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Marian Dee Ogilvy and King Coltrin with terms to expire January 1, 2024.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointment to the Public Building Corporation: Shanda Trautman with term to expire September 1, 2025.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following reappointments to the Public Building Corporation: John Wylie and Frank Bridges with terms to expire September 1, 2025.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointments to the Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board: Kristan Peryer with term to expire October 1, 2021, and Jeffrey Schmedeke with term to expire October 1, 2022.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following reappointment to the Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board: Angie Snyder with term to expire October 1, 2022.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointment to the Airport Board: Steve Bach with term to expire June 1, 2021.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn Councilman Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Ollis, Lear, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: McGull. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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