

February 10, 2020
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session February 10, 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, Andrew Lear, Abe McGull, Matthew Simpson, and Ken McClure. Absent. Richard Ollis.
- Minutes** The minutes of January 27, 2020 City Council Meeting, and February 4, 2020 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.
- Consent Agenda** The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- City Manager Report** Jason Gage, City Manager congratulated Coach Andy Reid and the Kansas City Chiefs for their Super Bowl win. He noted it has been an unprecedented sports year in the State of Missouri noting, the Stanley Cup by the Blues, the Lombardi Trophy by the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Billie Jean King Trophy by the Springfield Lasers. He expressed his belief championships bring a community together to celebrate and create a sense of place citizens can feel proud of.

Mr. Gage noted the State-of-the-Workforce luncheon, hosted by the City's Workforce Development Department will be held February 19 at Bass Pro Shop's White River Conference Center. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. He encouraged citizens to come enjoy lunch and hear featured guest speaker, Commissioner Zora Mulligan with the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

Mr. Gage noted Police Chief Paul Williams provided councilmembers with the monthly police staffing report and the fourth-quarter Public Safety Report. This edition includes tips to help prevent citizens from falling victim to scam calls and internet crimes. In 2019 the Springfield Police Department took nearly 1,000 reports of Internet crimes and U.S.-wide, the Federal Trade Commission received 3.2 million reports.

Mr. Gage noted the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations is working to gain feedback from the community on issues of inclusion. He further noted citizens can access a link to the survey by visiting springfieldmo.gov.

Mayor McClure noted other sports accomplishments by Greenwood Blue Jays, Springfield Catholic Lady Irish, and the Missouri State University Lady Bears Basketball teams, respectively.

Mayor McClure noted an article from the Springfield News-Leader, written by Christopher Dixon, that appeared in Saturday's paper. He highlighted concerns mentioned in the article regarding potentially negative economic signs that have

resulted in job loss in Springfield. He thanked Mr. Dixon for writing the article and encouraged Springfield's legislative delegation to support the adoption of the Wayfair Amendment, which deals with online sales tax.

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

The following bills were read and discussed simultaneously.

Short-Term Loan Establishments

Sponsor: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, and Simpson. Council Bill 2019-104. A general ordinance adopting Springfield City Code Chapter 70, 'Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations,' Article XVIII, 'Short-Term Loan Establishments,' to establish regulations for short-term loan establishments, including a permit requirement and registration fee.

Short-Term Loan Establishments Substitute

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2019-104 Substitute No. 1. A general ordinance adopting Springfield City Code Chapter 70, 'Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations,' Article XVIII, 'Short-Term Loan Establishments,' to establish regulations for short-term loan establishments.

Councilman Simpson noted a group of community leaders have been studying the issue of short-term lending. The group has requested a short delay in order to provide recommendations for finalization.

Councilman Hosmer asked why the working group requested another delay. Mayor McClure noted the intention is to allow time for the work group to provide recommendations as well as provide time for councilmembers to propose an ordinance consistent with the recommendations.

Councilman Simpson moved to table Council Bill 2019-104 and Council Bill 2019-104 Substitute 1 until the April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting until after the presentation of recommendations.

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

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 24, 2020 City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Lear, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

Fee Schedule

Sponsor: Lear, Fisk, Schilling, Simpson. Council Bill 2020-020. 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.)

Council Bill 2020-020. Ordinance 6572 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Lear, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

Special Obligation Improvement Bonds

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-021. A special ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery by the City of Springfield, Missouri, of Special Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2020, in a principal amount not to exceed \$19,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs related to improvements to the city’s stormwater system and certain fire stations and public works buildings; amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget of the City in the amount of \$19,000,000; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency.

Council Bill 2020-021. Special Ordinance 27279 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Lear, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

RESOLUTIONS

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants.

Trade and Economic Transition-National Dislocated Worker Grant

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2020-022. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a pass-through Trade and Economic Transition-National Dislocated Worker Grant in the amount of \$154,000 from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to create a registered apprenticeship training model; to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the budget for the Department of Workforce Development for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$154,000 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Sally Payne, Interim Director of Workforce Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield received funding for the apprenticeship grant. She further noted Springfield was requested to provided 35 of the 300 statewide apprenticeships with Ozark Technical College being the training provider and the company, Maximus, providing case management.

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

Council Bill 2020-022. Special Ordinance 27280 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Lear, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

DNR Grant for Fasnicht Creek Naturalization

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-023. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation in the amount of \$35,000.00, to support native plant establishment and enhancement for the Fasnicht Creek Naturalization at the Springfield Art Museum Project; entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation; amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$35,000.00 to appropriate the grant funds; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the grant provides plantings designed to restore approximately 1,000 feet of Fasnicht Creek to a naturalized channel. He further noted the proposed would improve water quality, reduce the risk of flooding to the Art Museum and surrounding properties, and is part of the Master Plan for the Art Museum.

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

Council Bill 2020-023. Special Ordinance 27281 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Lear, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS

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

Rezoning 3750 South Campbell Avenue and HC Highway

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-024. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 0.69 acres of property, generally located at 3750 South Campbell Avenue, from HC, Highway Commercial district to GR, General Retail district; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: TRB Kickapoo, LLC; 3750 South Campbell Avenue; Z-1-2020.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted Campbell Avenue is classified as a Primary Arterial. She further noted the zoning district, general retail, is appropriate per the Comprehensive Plan and road classification.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Geoff Butler, representing the applicant, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted if the area was zoned general retail, there would not be a required fifteen-foot buffer yard between two commercial properties. He further noted parking spots would be increased as a result of the rezoning.

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

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 441 –
216 West Weaver**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2020-025. A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 441 for the purpose of authorizing an automotive service garage to operate within the GR, General Retail, district located at 216 West Weaver Road as a conditional use. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: McKeen Trust, LLC; 216 West Weaver Road; Conditional Use Permit 441.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the area is appropriate for high intensity retail. She further noted a conditional use permit is required for an automotive service garage in a general retail district. The applicant met the 21 standards required for the conditional use permit.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Bob Gage, representing the developers, spoke in support of the proposed. He noted the project would be 6,200 square-foot FireStone Tire Store. He further noted they plan to work with City staff to meet all standards of compliance.

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

**Home
Occupations**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2020-026. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Section 36-451 for the purpose of allowing the provision of cosmetology services as a permitted home occupation. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the text amendment was initiated by City Council October 7, 2019. Hair cutting and styling is currently permitted as a home occupation, however, the amendment replaces "hair cutting and styling" with "any acts of cosmetology" and brings the ordinance into consistency with state law.

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

**Vacating
Right-of-Way**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2020-027. A special ordinance vacating a portion of public right-of-way located in the 200 block of East Phelps Street upon the occurrence of certain conditions. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Board of Governors of Missouri State University; 200 blk East Phelps Street; Vacation 814.)

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted Missouri State University requested vacation and will dedicate a perpetual easement on the south side. She noted the applicant has three years to meet all conditions or the ordinance would become void. She further noted the vacation is required for IDEA Commons and Jordan Valley Innovation Center expansion.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Jane Earnhart, representing the owner, made herself available should councilmembers have questions.

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

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

Workable Program Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2019-279. A general ordinance amending Chapter 40 of the City Code, Article II, 'Workable Program,' Section 40-15; for the purpose of modifying the Workable Program's requirements regarding Payments in Lieu of Taxes.

Sarah Kerner, Director of Planning and Development provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the program was adopted March 26, 2018, and unless it is amended, the imposition of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) will expire March 25, 2020. She further noted staff recommends an amendment to the Workable Program to remove the sunset provision and permanently distribute PILOTs to taxing jurisdictions and delete Section 40-15(b)(1) to remove reference to keeping PILOTs for the Shared Success Fund.

Mayor McClure asked if there are essentially three options before Council; approve the proposed, extend the sunset clause, or take no action. Ms. Kerner answered affirmatively and noted if no action is taken by March 25, 2020 the abatement level would go to one hundred percent for all future redevelopment plans.

Councilman Lear asked if the but-for test and verification of blight would still be required if Council were to take no action on the proposed. Ms. Kerner responded affirmatively. He asked if Council passes the proposed, would it require the but-for test, verification of blight, and leave the score-card intact. Ms. Kerner responded affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Megan Short, Executive Director of Springfield Contractors Association, spoke in support of the proposed. She expressed her belief incentives exist to foster economic development and encourage development in blighted areas. She further expressed her belief a user-friendly process for evaluating projects is necessary in a competitive marketplace.

Regina Greer-Cooper, Executive Director of the Springfield Greene County Library District spoke in support of the proposed. She noted the Springfield Greene County

Library District is one of the taxing districts that receives PILOTs. She noted eighty-seven percent of their budget derives from property tax levies and requested PILOTs continue to be distributed.

Councilman Hosmer asked if she would prefer the reduced abatement to stay in effect with PILOT money continuing to go to taxing districts. Ms. Greer-Cooper responded affirmatively.

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

Councilman McGull expressed his desire to potentially table the proposed. He noted there has only been one participant in the program so far and may not merit renewal.

Councilman Hosmer noted if the proposed were tabled, it would sunset, meaning one-hundred percent of the abatements would go back to the developer. He expressed his belief Council should not table the proposed, but instead, take action.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed has been in effect for two years. He asked staff how extensively the score-card has been used. Sarah Kerner, Director of Planning and Development noted there have been four redevelopment plans with one using the score-card. He asked if the one that used the score-card had PILOTs distributed. Ms. Kerner noted the project is still under construction, so no increase in taxes has been assessed. He asked how much money the PILOTs totaled in the project. Ms. Kerner expressed she was unsure until the appraisal but could follow up with councilmembers.

Mayor McClure reopened the public hearing to allow Dan Scott, who entered the chamber at 7:08 pm, to speak to the proposed.

Dan Scott, Partner at Jericho Development Company spoke in opposition to the proposed. He requested Council table the proposed to allow for the bill to sunset. He expressed his opinion the impact on Springfield as a taxing entity for Chapter 99 projects is minor with respect to the overall city budget. He further expressed Springfield should be concerned with its image as a place to develop and re-develop properties.

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

Mayor McClure asked staff what the impact would be on the Cherry Street project if Councilman McGull made a motion to table the proposed. Sarah Kerner, Director of Planning and Development noted the Cherry Street project was adopted with sixty-five percent abatement levels and expressed her belief it would remain intact.

Councilman Simpson asked if the proposed were tabled, would redevelopment areas that have been created since the Workable Program has been adopted, such as the Kearny Street Corridor, remain in effect at the one-hundred percent abatement level. Ms. Kerner responded affirmatively.

Councilman Lear noted he joined Council after the Workable Program was adopted. He expressed his belief the plan took a while to create and was well thought out, even though the Success Fund has been underutilized. He further expressed incentives are a good development tool and should be used judiciously.

Councilman Simpson expressed his belief the Success Fund has not operated how Council planned. He expressed Council should continue encouraging investment in blighted areas. He further expressed his belief if there are situations where the City is collecting PILOTs, they should be distributed on a pro rata basis to the taxing jurisdictions.

Mayor McClure asked in the event the motion is made to table, and the motion fails, does the original bill appear in front of Council for vote tonight. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney noted it would appear before Council at the next City Council Meeting for second reading. He asked in the event the motion is made to table, and the motion receives a second, is a substitute motion to change the sunset to three years in order. Ms. Lewsader noted if a second is received, and the proposed is successfully tabled, a councilmember would need to motion for reconsideration before further action could be taken. He asked if a motion to reconsider is made, must it be made tonight. Ms. Lewsader answered affirmatively and further noted if the motion to reconsider is not made tonight, a motion to remove from the table would need to be made at the next City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if a second is acquired to the motion to table, and the motion fails, could Council make amendments to the proposed. Ms. Lewsader answered affirmatively.

Councilman McGull moved to table Council Bill 2019-279 until the April 6, 2020 City Council Meeting.

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

**International
Property
Maintenance Code
Substitute No. 1**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Amended Council Bill 2019-252 Substitute No. 1. 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.'

Jason Gage, City Manager noted Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services was available to answer any questions from councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to amend Amended Council Bill 2019-252 Substitute No. 1 by striking the text of lines 66 and 67, which reads: "In the case of solids and liquids, this subsection applies only to discharges that reach public property or another's private property within 30 feet of the point of discharge."

Mayor McClure asked Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson to explain the amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed if someone is discharging liquids or solids, they should not run onto another person's property regardless of the distance from the point of discharge.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to amend Amended Council Bill 2019-252 Substitute No. 1 at lines 102 through 103 to remove the strike-through of the following text so that the text is not deleted from Section 305.3: "Peeling, chipping, flaking or abraded paint shall be repaired, removed or covered."

Mayor McClure asked Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson to explain the amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson explained many of the homes in Zone 1 were built prior to 1978 and many homes contain lead-based paint. She expressed her belief that measures should be taken to prevent lead poisoning and her amendment does that.

Councilman Hosmer noted line 76 had a typographical error. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney noted the word "services" should be "surfaces" and is regarded as a Scribner's error, thus it would not need a motion to amend.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to amend Amended Council Bill 2019-252 Substitute No. 1 by inserting the text "and garbage. Rubbish and garbage shall be removed from the premises at least every fourteen days." On line 139 after the word "rubbish" and by striking lines 141 and 142 which read: Exception: For one- and two-family dwelling units, the occupant is responsible for the containers and rubbish removal.

Mayor McClure asked Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson to explain the amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her opinion the amendment should help reduce the amount of rubbish and garbage collecting on residential, single-family, and two-family properties. She noted it is still the responsibility of the owner to remove garbage.

Councilman Simpson asked what the difference is between rubbish and garbage. Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services noted rubbish includes all types of trash, whereas garbage includes food waste.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there is anything in the City Code that deals with trash container requirements. He explained several constituents have complained regarding

residents leaving trash cans out all week, in streets, or blocking driveways. Mr. Hill noted he would research the requirements and relay them to councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson asked if the amendment would impact citizens who compost or recycle. Mr. Hill noted it would not.

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

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Julie Bloodworth spoke in support of the proposed. She expressed her belief the proposed would be a foundation to build meaningful changes to abate nuisance properties. She encouraged councilmembers to vote affirmatively on the bill.

Terry Bloodworth spoke in support of the proposed. He read a letter of support from the business, Historic Walnut Street Development. The letter expressed support for the proposed as a good first step in curtailing nuisance properties.

Todd Thomas spoke in opposition of the proposed. He expressed his concern owning a sump pump could be in violation of the proposed. He expressed further concern with language pertaining to “peeling, chipping, flaking, or abraded paint”, believing the owner would be forced to paint entire structures as opposed to adding a façade covering of the structure instead. In addition, he is concerned that composting is not specified as an exception to the proposed and may be considered garbage since it is food waste. He encouraged councilmembers to take the proposed a step further and require citizens to have city trash service within city limits.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted her amendments do not address exterior surfaces and the lines would be stricken according to her amendments.

Rusty Worley spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed the proposed is a good first step in combating chronic nuisance properties. He further expressed support for provisions in the proposed including an improved definition of vacant structures, higher expectations for exterior finishes, and requirements for trash services for one and two-family homes.

Eric Pauly spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed his belief that chronic nuisance properties drive people to live outside the city limits which creates a downward spiral. He expressed concern with people choosing to visit but not live in Springfield due to nuisance properties. He encouraged councilmembers to support the proposed.

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

**Dangerous,
Blighted and
Nuisance Building
Code**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2020-007. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 26, 'Buildings and Building Regulations,' Article III, 'Dangerous, Blighted and Nuisance Building Code,' Subsection 26-62(5), to better define "open;" and Subsection 26-62(12), to add the property maintenance code to other listed codes.

Jason Gage, City Manager noted Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services would be available should councilmembers have any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to amend Council Bill 2020-007 by inserting the word "foundation" and commas as appropriate into the phrase: "door, window, wall, or roof." in lines 26 and 29.

Mayor McClure asked Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson to explain her amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her belief a door, window, wall, or roof are all places one could enter through; however, a person or animal could also enter through a foundation, thus requiring an amendment.

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

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Rusty Worley spoke in support of the proposed. He noted his prior remarks regarding nuisance properties apply to this bill as well. He thanked Harlan Hill, Director of Building Development Services and Kevin Peirce for their time and work with neighborhoods.

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

**SpringNet
Memorandum of
Understanding**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2020-028. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, doing business as "SpringNet" and the City of Springfield, Missouri, to allow alternate methods for permitting and cost recovery for work on City rights-of-way associated with a large, specialized project known as the SpringNet Fiber Optic Expansion Project.

Brett Foster, Principal Engineer provided a brief overview of the proposed. He expressed his belief that current permitting procedures are not conducive to a project on an accelerated schedule. He noted the Memorandum of Understanding defines alternate procedures for permitting that maintain the integrity of the current permitting process and defines cost reimbursement.

**Springfield
Convention &
Visitors Bureau
Addendum**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2020-029. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an addendum to the annual agreement with the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., executed on July 30, 2019; and amending the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$250,000, for the purpose of reflecting current and projected operational changes.

Tracy Kimberlin, President of Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau provided a brief overview of the proposed. He expressed the CVB wishes to do an advertising campaign in conjunction with some local attractions to boost tourism. He noted the proposed would take \$250,000 out of their fund balance and put it towards the tourism campaign.

Mayor McClure asked if it would be a one-time adjustment. Mr. Kimberlin answered affirmatively.

Councilman Simpson expressed his belief the CVB has helped with tourism as reflected by record passenger numbers at the regional airport. He asked for clarity regarding Council's response to an earlier letter received from the Airport Board. Mayor McClure noted Council agreed to what was discussed at a previous City Council luncheon study session.

**Cost Share
Agreement**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2020-030. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement between the City of Springfield, Missouri, The Board of Governors of Missouri State University and the Vecino Group for the purpose of apportionment of costs for stormwater improvements through the "IDEA Commons" development area. (Staff Recommends Approval.)

Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the agreement would allow the groups to divide costs toward stormwater improvements through the IDEA Commons development area.

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

Josephine Grace wishes to address City Council. Ms. Grace expressed concern regarding directed energy weapons and requested councilmembers explore updates to city code as it relates to concealed and dangerous weapons.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau: Bob Belote with term to expire January 1, 2021.

The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau: Laura Head-Elliott with term to expire January 1, 2023.

The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee: Laurel Bryant with term to expire December 1, 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2020-031. 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 Magers Crossroads at 65, generally located at 3525 East Battlefield Road, 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.)

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

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2020-032. A resolution confirming the reappointment of John Heitz, Robert Lowe, Jr., and Carl Price to the Southern Hills Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2020-032. Resolution 10492 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Lear, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Ollis. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn Councilman Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman Schilling seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes. None. Nays. None. Absent. None. Abstain. None. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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