

July 11, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session July 11, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Abe McGull, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear*, Monica Horton, Heather Hardinger, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.

*Attended via Zoom.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 27, 2022, City Council Meeting and June 28, 2022, Special City Council Meeting were considered. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman McGull and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted Wendy Garrison was named the new Chief Judge of the Springfield Municipal Court effective July 3. He further noted Ms. Garrison was selected using a thorough and competitive process. Her broad experience includes private practice, defense counsel, general law, and Municipal Court. Ms. Garrison has most recently served as a Springfield Municipal Court Judge since January of 2018. Mr. Gage added the City looks forward to having Ms. Garrison as Chief Judge.

Mr. Gage noted on July 5, 2022, the Health Department reported the first case of Monkeypox in Greene County. Health Department epidemiologists have contacted those who may have been exposed to the virus. He further noted Monkeypox most commonly spreads through prolonged and close, often skin-to-skin, contact and while the risk of infection to the public is low, individuals should monitor for symptoms to avoid spreading the virus to others. Symptoms include a blistering rash, fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, and exhaustion. The Health Department is providing up-to-date information about the virus and how to prevent its spread at health.springfieldmo.gov/monkeypox. Questions regarding individual symptoms or risk of exposure should be directed to health care providers.

Mr. Gage noted the City is gathering feedback on conceptual design plans for safety and pedestrian improvements along Kansas Avenue between Walnut Lawn and Maplewood in the Greater Parkcrest neighborhood. This project design is intended to increase functionality and safety for motorists. An informational open house is scheduled for

Thursday, July 14, at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church at 3801 S. Kansas Avenue from 5-7 p.m.

Mr. Gage noted construction of Division Street between National and Glenstone begins this week. Springfield motorists can expect various lane shifts along Division Street between National and Glenstone as roadway work begins. He added full closures of the roadway should be limited to nighttime hours so daytime traffic can flow as smoothly as possible. Future traffic impacts will be shared with the public as soon as details are available. For more information, visit springfieldmo.gov/division.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Director Bob Belote provided City Council with a copy of the monthly Parks update.

Councilman Hosmer asked how political sign regulations will be enforced. Mr. Gage responded the City will pay close attention to violations and will notify respective parties.

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

**Community
Development Block
Grant and HOME
Investment
Partnership
Program Funds**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-162

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under the Consolidated Plan, to accept Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, to enter into any necessary agreements to carry out the grants, and to exercise any and all powers necessary to implement selected projects; selecting projects for funding for the City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2022-2023; reaffirming the City Council Objectives and Community Development Priorities; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies as a one-reading bill pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25). (City Council is not expected to vote on this Ordinance after the first reading on June 27, 2022.)

Council Bill 2022-162. Special Ordinance 27722 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Let's Get to Work
Fund**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-163

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds from the United Way of the Ozarks, through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' United Way Let's Get to Work Fund, in the amount of \$30,000 to be utilized to perform approved grant activities and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the budget of the Department of Workforce Development for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$30,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

Council Bill 2022-163. Special Ordinance 27723 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Phase 4 and Phase 5:
Republic Road and
Campbell Avenue
Intersection
Improvements**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-164

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Republic Road and Campbell Avenue Intersection Improvements project; accepting the bid of Capital Paving & Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$5,364,467.30 for said project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$470,000.00 to appropriate additional Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for said project.

Council Bill 2022-164. Special Ordinance 27724 was approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Annexation A-3-
2022: 3224 East
Valley Water Mill
Road**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-165

A resolution declaring an intent to initiate annexation of approximately 24 acres of private property, generally located at 3224 East Valley Water Mill Road and referenced as Annexation A-3-2022, into the City of Springfield. (Staff recommends approval.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed is an owner requested annexation for 24 acres which is within the City's urban service boundary.

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

Council Bill 2022-165. Resolution 10642 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Hardinger, Horton, Hosmer, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Short-Term Rental
Type 2: 718 West
Downing Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-166

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit for the property located at 718 West Downing Street for the purpose of allowing the establishment of a Short-Term Rental Type 2 pursuant to Section 36-473 of the Land Development Code.

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed is a short-term rental type 2 request which obtained 50% of the required 55% of adjacent property owners signatures is the requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked the reason for the one incorrect signature. Ms. Istenes responded the reason is not known.

Councilman Schilling asked if the surrounding houses are mainly homeowner occupied or rentals. Ms. Istenes responded there was neighborhood support for the project as there are several rentals in the area.

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

Council Bill 2022-166. Resolution 10643 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Horton, Schilling, and Simpson. Nays: McGull, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

GRANTS.

AMENDED BILLS.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Public Hearing.

**Amending the
Springfield Land
Development Code:
3018 West Battlefield
Road**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-167

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, ‘Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,’ by rezoning approximately 6.36 acres of property generally located at 3018 West Battlefield Road from GR, General Retail District, and GM, General Manufacturing District, to IC, Industrial Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Schelle Development Co, LLC; 3018 W. Battlefield Road; Z-4-2022.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed is to rezone 6.36 acres with intent to allow a new office and operations for a fence company. The surrounding properties to the north, east, and south are industrial, and the proposed is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

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

**Amending the
Springfield Land
Development Code:
3900 South Lone
Pine Avenue; 2955
and 2957 East Allen
Place**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-168

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, ‘Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,’ by rezoning approximately 7.84 acres of property generally located at 3900 South Lone Pine Avenue and at 2955 and 2957 East Allen Place from R-MD, Medium-density Multifamily Residential District with Conditional Overlay District No. 17, and from R-SF, Single-family Residential District, to R-MD, Medium-density Multifamily Residential District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 212; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 212; and adopting an updated Official Zoning

Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: 3900 Lone Pine Apts LLC; 3900 South Lone Pine, 2955 and 2957 East Allen Place; Z-10-2022 w/COD #212.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed would allow rezoning to expand existing multi-family development and rezone the entire development under one zoning district.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Harlan Hill addressed City Council. Mr. Hill noted he is the representative for the owner. He further noted the owner's intent is to complete the development, make the development one contiguous parcel, and add two additional apartment buildings.

Councilwoman Horton asked if it is expected the property management will charge market rent. Mr. Hill responded the management will charge market rent consistent with rents at that location.

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2022-169 and 2022-170 together.

**Amending the
Springfield Land
Development Code:
404, 420, 424 East
Sunshine Street**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-169

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1 acre of property generally located at 404, 420, and 424 East Sunshine Street from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District, to LB, Limited Business District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 207; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 207; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial and staff recommends approval.) (By: Reding Management and Redec, LLCs; 404, 420, & 424 E. Sunshine Street; Z-1-2022 w/COD #207.)

**Conditional Use
Permit No. 461: 404,
420, 424 East
Sunshine Street**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-170

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 461 for the purpose of permitting an eating and drinking establishment use group, including drive-in, pick-up window, or drive-through facilities, as a conditional use within the LB – Limited Business District, generally located at 404, 420, and 424 East Sunshine Street. (Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial and staff recommends approval.) (By: Reding Management and Redec, LLCs; 404, 420, & 424 E. Sunshine Street; Conditional Use Permit 461.)

Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed is a request for rezoning to Limited Business District to allow for operation of a drive-through. The proposed will add seven additional understory trees and seven additional evergreens as a buffer between the site and the residential area. Ms. Istenes provided the definition of Limited Business District as intended for uses that provide convenience goods or personal services primarily to people residing in

adjacent residential areas. Ms. Istenes noted the range of uses proposed are compatible with uses permitted on other property in the vicinity. The conditional use permit allows for the drive-through portion of the project.

Mayor McClure asked for clarification on the two aspects of the proposed, the rezoning and the conditional use permit. He asked if the options available to City Council would be to approve both, neither, or zoning could be approved without approving the conditional use permit. Ms. Istenes answered affirmatively.

Mayor McClure asked if there was much discussion about the conditional use permit in the Planning and Zoning discussion. Ms. Istenes responded the bulk of the discussion was about the conditional use permit. The discussion included traffic and pedestrian concerns in the area, safety considerations, and continuous traffic flow through the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if changes, other than the addition of trees, were made to the proposed. Ms. Istenes responded that was the only change. She noted hours of operation and traffic were discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the type of traffic was considered. Chad Zickefoose, Professional Engineer for Public Works Traffic, responded a traffic model was conducted. A traffic study is not required for this zoning change. A simplified traffic study was conducted at a nearby coffee shop. A traffic model showed negligible changes which could be remedied with minor timing changes.

Councilman McGull asked if there are retail establishments east of Jefferson on Sunshine Street and if rezoning is necessary if the drive-through were not approved. Ms. Istenes responded there is not retail east of Jefferson Avenue, and rezoning would still be necessary for an eat-in establishment. Mr. McGull asked how much stacking distance is planned for individuals exiting on Jefferson toward Sunshine. Ms. Istenes responded approximately 150 feet.

Councilman Ollis noted Sunshine Street had been described as a primary arterial road and asked for the definition of a primary arterial road. Ms. Istenes responded the arterial is a main road which connects areas of the city. Mr. Ollis asked why this area of Sunshine Street is mainly commercial. Ms. Istenes responded traffic flow is desirable for business developers.

Councilman Lear asked the procedure for City Council to follow if requesting additional conditions to approve the proposed. Ms. Istenes responded additional conditions can be requested. Mr. Lear asked if a business primarily driven by passing vehicles meets the spirit of neighborhood scale. Ms. Istenes responded that depends and is not exclusively related to traffic.

Mr. Gage noted he wanted to make clear the options City Council has, according to City Code, when considering the proposed conditional use permit. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, noted City Code shows if the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended a change in the zoning district classification, City Council has discretion to accept, reject, or make additional requirements. In the proposed, Planning and Zoning recommended denial of the zoning classification, which does not trigger that section of City Code, deeming City Council would not have authority to make additional requirements.

Councilwoman Hardinger expressed her primary concern is that the proposed is located across the street from a school and expressed her opinion this may not be the appropriate establishment for the area. She asked if there is no retail east of Jefferson on Sunshine due to the school. Mr. Zickefoose responded Sunshine Street is considered a barrier street since it is a primary arterial. He noted it is not encouraged for pedestrians to cross barrier streets due to the volume of traffic. Students have the option of free busing to cross the barrier street for school. He further noted Jefferson Avenue has sidewalks south of Sunshine.

Councilman Hosmer asked if approval of the conditional use permit would be valid for phase 1 and phase 2 of the project. Ms. Istenes responded the plans show the drive-through on phase 1. Mr. Hosmer expressed his concern traffic will be a concern in the area, and the distance is not great enough to allow for the traffic flow. Mr. Zickefoose noted the proposed will have three lanes for drive-through customers.

Councilman McGull expressed his concern there is not enough distance between the entrance to the proposed and Sunshine Street.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there are twenty-one speakers so a time limit of three minutes each will be followed.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Dane Seiler spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Seiler noted he is an engineer working with the developer. He noted site plans were considerate of traffic concerns. Mr. Seiler noted the drive-through would be as seen on the site plan. He expressed his interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan for the area lists the site as transitional. Mr. Seiler noted there will be on-site stormwater detention.

Mr. Gage asked if the stacking lanes would accommodate twenty-five vehicles and what the typical number of cars in this environment would be. Mr. Seiler noted typically there are five to ten cars at a time.

Councilman Schilling asked the typical waiting time per vehicle. Mr. Seiler noted he did not have the exact number at this time.

Councilman McGull expressed his concern that the intersections would be blocked by traffic, creating an issue. Mr. Seiler noted this could be mitigated with the phase 2 opening onto Roanoke Avenue.

Donna Hemann spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Hemann noted she is a licensed realtor. She expressed her opinion the lot could be left as residential. Ms. Hemann noted safety concerns.

Brock Shonkwiler spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Shonkwiler expressed his concern the negative atmosphere will cause new business to remain out of Springfield. He noted Sunshine Street is already a commercial area.

Juliana Schulze spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Schulze noted she is located at the possible exit point for the proposed. She noted Roanoke Street is a local roadway. Ms. Schulze expressed her belief the proposed is not good for the neighborhood due to traffic and loud music that is played.

Curtis Jared spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Jared noted he is a local commercial real estate developer. Mr. Jared further noted the three lanes for the drive-through and the company takes orders and payment at the car helps to make the process fast and efficient.

Mark Percival spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Percival noted he is an elder at Jefferson Baptist Church. Mr. Percival noted the church supports the rezoning and does not believe the proposed will have any negative impact on the congregation.

Linda Regan spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Regan expressed her opinion the neighborhoods in the area, some historic, should be preserved. She noted the lot was empty because the church owned the lot. Ms. Regan noted there are new houses in the area as it is a residential area, not only commercial.

Austin Stiles spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Stiles noted he is a local real estate agent. He expressed his belief that being on a major road is a disadvantage for a homeowner. He asked City Council to allow the community to grow and thrive.

Brandon Biskup spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Biskup asked City Council to deny both the rezoning and conditional use permit. He expressed his belief the school and church are both complimentary to residential neighborhoods.

James Nevins spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Nevins expressed his belief the proposed is a convenient and efficient option. Mr. Nevins noted there are busses available for children needing to cross Sunshine Street to go to school. Mr. Nevins expressed his opinion Sunshine Street has a fully commercial feel.

Shanna Boyle spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Boyle expressed her belief the proposed is a safety issue. She noted the residential is a growing area.

Noah Alldredge spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Alldredge noted the starting wages at the coffee shop are good for the area. He expressed his belief the development is good for the neighborhood and the community. He expressed his opinion the City should be pro-business.

Sally Keene spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Keene expressed her belief the traffic and noise are not good for the neighborhood. She noted Roanoke Street is a narrow street and expressed her opinion the proposed would make it difficult to get in and out of the neighborhood.

Art Peine spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Peine expressed his belief the proposed would not be beneficial for property values in the area. He noted the busy traffic at the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Sunshine Street. He expressed his opinion the proposed is not a good fit for the neighborhood.

Seth Entwisk spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Entwisk expressed his belief the traffic for the proposed is a concern. He noted the 150 feet to the entrance does not allow for many cars, and it is already difficult to navigate traffic in the area. Mr. Entwisk expressed his opinion there could be a more beneficial option for the area.

Jacob Ruder spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Ruder noted he is the Executive Director for the Springfield Council of Better Business. Mr. Ruder expressed his support for the project and support for well-placed development. He expressed his opinion rezoning is appropriate for the site and growth in Springfield is desired.

Cody Hicks spoke in opposition to the proposed. Mr. Hicks expressed his opinion that traffic will become congested on Roanoke Street, a street which is too narrow to handle additional traffic.

Annette Hollon spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Hollon noted she is the secretary for the University Heights Neighborhood. Ms. Hollon expressed her belief the proposed is a traffic concern and a safety concern for school children in the area.

Ben Shantz spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Shantz expressed his belief the proposed is in line with the Comprehensive Plan as an activity center. He expressed his opinion leaving this as a vacant lot is not the best use for the property.

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

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

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-171

**Southwest
Wastewater
Treatment Plant and
Primary Treatment
Rehabilitation
Project**

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant: Plant 2 and Primary Treatment Rehabilitation Project; accepting the bid of Irvinbilt Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,682,640 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts necessary for completion of said Project; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the Department of Environmental Services, in the amount of \$4,419,168, to appropriate retained earnings of the Clean Water Enterprise Fund.

Brian Wirth, Superintendent of Clean Water Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Wirth noted the proposed would allow approval of plans and specifications for the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant, Plant 2, and the Primary Treatment Rehabilitation Project, and authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts necessary to complete the project. The largest component to the project is the replacement of the current gates.

Mayor McClure expressed his enthusiasm for the bid coming in below the engineer's estimate.

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

Amending the budget: Springfield Art Museum: North Parking Lot

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-172

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield Art Museum for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$150,000 to appropriate fund balance reserves from the Art Museum Special Project Fund to support construction of the Art Museum North Parking Improvements Project at the Springfield Art Museum.

Nick Nelson, Director of Art Museum, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Nelson noted the proposed would allow a budget adjustment to support construction of the Art Museum North Parking Lot improvements. The plan is to reimburse the funds through fundraising activities.

Councilwoman Horton asked if the Art Museum Special Project Funds are from fundraising or from sales taxes. Mr. Nelson responded the funds are collected from private funding given for Art Museum projects.

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

Amending the budget: appropriate Public Health Fund balance

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-173

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$3,300,000 to appropriate funds from the Public Health Fund balance for continued COVID-19 community response.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of Health, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Mooney noted the proposed would authorize the department to use \$3.3 million from the Public Health Fund balance to pay for unreimbursed COVID-19 related expenses.

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

Amending the operating budget: City of Springfield General Fund: reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses; adjusting the salary budget for retirement payouts

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-174

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 operating budget of the City of Springfield in the General Fund by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$108,409, for the purpose of adjusting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses as well as adjusting the salary budget for retirement payouts.

Teresa Allen, Budget Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Allen noted the proposed accounts for items that could not be anticipated during the budget process such as reimbursements and budget adjustments that occur between departments.

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

Amending the operating budget: City of Springfield; Certain Reimbursements and associated offsetting expense items

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-175

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 operating budget of the City of Springfield by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$129,739, in various Special Revenue and Capital Project Funds, for the purpose of accounting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expense items.

Teresa Allen, Budget Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Allen noted \$120,000 of the proposed is for Building Development Services fire escrow payments which cannot be anticipated in the budget process. The remaining amount is for Police Department, Fire Department, and Health Department items.

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

Amending Special Ordinance 27550 and 27640: ARPA

Sponsor: Simpson, McGull, Lear, and Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-176

A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance 27550 to amend funding appropriated for continuing COVID-19 services; amending Special Ordinance 27640 to amend projected funds appropriated for retention payments; amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for certain projects as recommended by the City Council ARPA Review Committee; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into funding agreements as necessary with recipients of such funds. (The City Council ARPA Review Committee voted to recommend this appropriation to City Council.)

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed amends the budget by appropriating the City's American Rescue Plan Act funds, authorizes the City Manager to enter into funding agreements as necessary with recipients of the funds, amends the previous ordinance approved by City Council for funding set aside for potential COVID-19 services, and amends the previously-approved ordinance for funds needed for retention payments. He further noted The American Rescue Plan Act funding was reviewed, and plans made to allocate the funds. Seven public meetings were held, requests were reviewed, and citizen input was reviewed with the top concerns being public safety, homeless and housing services, and community health and wellness. The City Council ARPA Committee is recommending fourteen projects for the propose in addition to setting aside \$7 million for homeless projects to be determined at a later date.

Councilman Ollis, because of his involvement with Forward SGF, recused himself from discussion and vote for the proposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Quigley and staff for their work. He asked about written plans for maintenance and deferred maintenance for the Sports Complexes. Bob Belote, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded the first step will be to rebuild the infrastructure, with other tasks, such as maintenance plans, budgets, and operations plans, to come after. Plans for the Lake Country Soccer Complex will come before City Council first.

Councilwoman Horton asked to address the ARPA Committee. Mayor McClure advised Ms. Horton to proceed. Ms. Horton expressed her belief projects are sometimes overlooked by City Council. Ms. Horton exemplified Lincoln Memorial Cemetery as one such project. Ms. Horton asked that the project be considered, and the current list of allocations be amended to include Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Lance Kettering spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Kettering noted he is the Executive Director of the Greater Springfield Sports Commission. He expressed his support for use of funds for sports-related projects.

Councilman Hosmer asked if Mr. Kettering will be able to attract tournaments to Springfield with the improvements to the sports complexes. Mr. Kettering answered affirmatively.

Randall Blackwood spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Blackwood, a member of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. He expressed his excitement for what the funding will bring to the community.

Brandy Harris spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Harris noted she is the CEO for Boys and Girls Club of Springfield. Ms. Harris thanked all involved in the process. Ms. Harris gave specifics of their project noting the project will double the number they can serve.

Michelle Herring spoke in opposition to the proposed. Ms. Herring expressed her opinion the problem of homelessness has not been solved. She expressed her belief there should be another approach taken than using printed money from the government. She expressed her opinion that money being spent on sports complexes is not a necessity.

Councilman Hosmer asked Ms. Herring if she realizes why money is being used as it is, to bring in sales taxes and create safety. Ms. Herring responded she does understand and expressed her belief the use of monies as written does not help the individuals who live here.

Brad Hashagen spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Hashagen noted he is the Ozarks Greenways Board President. He expressed his belief the Chadwick Flyer Trail is a benefit to the region.

John Markey spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Markey noted he is the Executive Director of Lake Country Soccer. He expressed his belief sports projects bring economic growth and are a positive impact on the City. Mr. Markey expressed his appreciation to the City for its support.

Tracy Kimberlin spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Kimberlin noted he is with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. He commended the ARPA Committee on a great job navigating recommendations for the funds. He agreed that sports tourism generates positive economic growth.

Ryan DeBoef spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. DeBoef noted he is the Chief of Staff at Missouri State University. He noted several projects in the works and expressed his belief the underpass renovation is necessary to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

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

Amending the budget: ARPA

Sponsor: McGull, Lear, and Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-177

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate \$750,000 from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for an airframe and powerplant maintenance facility proposed by Ozarks Technical Community College and recommended for funding by the City Council ARPA Review Committee; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement with Ozarks Technical Community College regarding such funds. (The City Council ARPA Review Committee voted to recommend this appropriation to City Council.)

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed would appropriate funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for an airframe and powerplant maintenance facility proposed by Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) and authorizes the City Manager to enter into the funding agreement. The facility would allow for a training program through OTC.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Hal Higdon, Chancellor and President of the OTC Springfield campus, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Higdon noted the project has received some funding through the State and is anticipated to be built quickly. He expressed his belief the project will bring and keep good paying jobs in Springfield and will be an economic benefit to the city.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the program provides training for individuals to work as mechanics and in other capacities for the airlines. Mr. Higdon responded the hope is all individuals will be from Springfield as they will not recruit from outside the area for technical programs. Mr. Hosmer noted the jobs are well paying and Mr. Higdon agreed.

Councilman Schilling asked if the facility is large enough to house a plane. Mr. Higdon responded the facility will mainly hold engines.

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

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

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield – Greene County Public Library Board: Christopher Bozarth with term to expire July 1, 2025.

The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield – Greene County Public Library Board: Aaron Jones with term to expire July 1, 2024.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-178

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to coordinate the construction and maintenance of improvements along Cherry Street.

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-179

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to coordinate the construction and maintenance of improvements along Nature Center Way, the outer road of Route 60.

CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

The following items appeared under Consent Agenda – Second Reading bills.

Confirm the following reappointment to the Board of Equalization: Janet Blair with term to expire April 1, 2025.

Confirm the following appointments to the Landmarks Board: Jamille Jones with term to expire November 1, 2023; Erik Kiser, with term to expire November 1, 2022.

Confirm the following appointment to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: John Davis with term to expire April 30, 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Municipal Agreement: Cherry Street

Municipal Agreement: Route 60

Motion to Adjourn

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

Anita J. Cotter
Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Prepared by
Michelle Brown