

July 12, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session July 12, 2021 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call Present. Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Angela Romine and Ken McClure Absent. Heather Hardinger*

*Heather Hardinger joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes The minutes of June 28, 2021 Council meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Jason Gage, City Manager gave an update of the Central Street Corridor Improvements project. He noted improvements along the Central Street Corridor are set to begin this week with the goal to provide a system for all modes of transportation in a pedestrian-heavy area of the City. Official notice to proceed was issued to general contractor D&E Plumbing & Heating to begin work today.

Mr. Gage noted Mayor McClure issued a statement through the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement on July 1 denouncing the vandalism that occurred at the Barley-Decatur Neighborhood Center near Silver Springs Park.

Mr. Gage noted that National Night Out is on this year after being canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic. He further noted the Health Department will also be present at the event to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to those who want them.

Mr. Gage noted due to the rising cases of COVID-19 that the Route 66 festival for 2021 has been cancelled. Mr. Gage further noted that our region has been making national headlines recently for the wrong reasons – our low vaccination rate against COVID-19 and the resulting recent surge of infections, which are overwhelming our hospitals.

Katie Towns, Acting Director of Health provided a COVID-19 update. She noted that Greene County is reporting an average of 165 cases per day with 95% of the cases identified as the Delta variant. She noted this variant is spreading rapidly through the community and across the region causing strain on health care providers. Ms. Towns noted that as of today 226 people are currently hospitalized including 104 Greene County residents. Katie further noted that of the 226 people, 98 are currently on ventilators.

Ms. Towns noted last week a focus team from the CDC worked with the Health Department to help understand the Delta variant and its impact on the community. Ms. Towns noted the Delta variant is impacting unvaccinated individuals. She further noted there are fully vaccinated individuals that become sick, but their illness is mild. Ms. Towns noted 60% of our county currently consists of unvaccinated individuals who are at risk.

Ms. Towns noted The Health Department, Mercy Vaccination Clinics, and Jordan Valley Community Health Center, have seen an increase in appointments recently. Ms. Towns further noted the community is making progress but need the pace to increase. She noted urging those who are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask and take other precautions when in public. Ms. Towns expressed that businesses and other facilities should re-evaluate the risk of COVID-19 for unvaccinated staff and guest as well as look into implementing policies like masking and distancing to help prevent the spread.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed national data indicates most of the hospitalizations and death, at this time, is due to the Delta variant. He inquired whether this was consistent with what we are seeing locally. Ms. Towns noted currently there is an increase in hospitalizations and those patients suffering from COVID-19 and the Delta variant were mostly unvaccinated individuals. Mayor Pro Tem further inquired what level of community vaccination do we need to reach to avoid another wave or spike in hospitalization. Ms. Towns noted the previous projection of 70% remains the goal.

Councilman Ollis asked what happens when we overreach the capacity in the hospitals and where do we go from there. Ms. Towns express hospitals are currently pulling physicians from St. Louis and surrounding areas to assist in helping. She noted our hospitals are working on interagency allocations and other resources to see what other options are available. She further noted for non-COVID related issues, many individuals are going to primary care doctors to avoid exposure while waiting to be seen by emergency care professionals.

Councilman Lear noted the CDC is advising if you have been vaccinated that a mask is no longer required; he asked if this is consistent with what is being seen. Ms. Towns expressed that at this point it is known that the vaccine works. She notes we must focus on the point that limited resources are available and this vaccine is the path to safety and protection. She further noted masks are encouraged for those unvaccinated.

Councilwoman Romine inquired if there were any reasons that some individuals with less symptoms are treated in the hospital versus those treated with severe symptoms are sent home. Ms. Town noted that she is not a medical professional and cannot speak as to why but suggests there could be other non-disclosed medical issues and that would need to be directed towards the hospitals.

Councilman McGull asked what venues or areas are contributing to this spread. Ms. Towns noted likely sources such as household, workplace, and community are the top of the list. She further noted areas with close proximity is the ultimate culprit however they will continue to investigate and gather data regarding how this is spread to help our community.

Councilman Hosmer asked are there things that other communities are doing that are considered best practice to highlight the benefits of the vaccine. Ms. Towns noted that the Health Department is looking at other communities to see what motivates those individuals to get the vaccine. She noted that many are seeing those they care about die from COVID-19 and the Delta variant. Ms. Towns further noted that many individuals are having the conversation with their family and friends about benefits of receiving the vaccine. Councilman Hosmer asked what happens when we run out of ventilators and reach capacity in the hospitals. Ms. Towns noted they are working on back up plans, as unfortunate that may happen soon. She noted the Health Department wants to make sure they are prepared and can ensure the proper resources are available before they are needed.

Councilwoman Hardinger noted that with no masking ordinance in place are there recommendations for businesses and organizations to keep people safe. Ms. Towns expressed it is a good idea to use masking and that establishments should have the difficult conversations amongst themselves encouraging the vaccine and masking to help minimize the risk.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted that healthcare workers are doing their best to keep up with the demands of this surge. He encourages those who have questions about COVID or the Delta variant to ask their doctor.

Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Towns for her report and the work that the Health Department has done.

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

**Springfield Land
Development
Code, Section 36-
306 5505 West
Sunshine**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-162

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 28 acres of property generally located at 5505 West Sunshine Street from County M-1, Light Manufacturing District, and GR, General Retail District, to HC, Highway Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-162. General Ordinance 6666 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Springfield Land
Development
Code, Section 36-
306 1012 West
Buena Vista Street**

Sponsor: Schilling Council Bill 2021-161

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 21.5 acres of property generally located at 1012 West Buena Vista Street from O-1, Office District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 78, to Planned Development No. 377; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

Mayor McClure recused himself; Mayor Pro Tem Simpson became the presiding officer.

Councilman Hosmer inquired if a fee-in-lieu study had been completed. Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development noted that it has not been done. Councilman Hosmer asked if there was a way to do so for the City to recoup some cost. Mr. Griesemer noted that this is something that could be completed.

Councilwoman Romine noted that she had received complaints from renters that many high-density multi-person homes were being built. She expressed that she was pleased to see more single-family homes in this area.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification whether this would turn Quail Creek into a speedway. Mr. Griesemer noted that Council addressed this issue in 2014 to ensure this would not become an issue.

Council Bill 2021-161. General Ordinance 6667 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Hosmer and Simpson. Nays: Schilling Absent: McClure Abstain: None

**Springfield Land
Development
Code, Section 36-
306 817 West El
Camino Alto Drive**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-163

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 5.4 acres of property generally located at 817 West El Camino Alto Drive from O-1, Office District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 78, to R-LD, Low Density Multi-Family Residential District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 200; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Mayor McClure recused himself; Mayor Pro Tem Simpson became the presiding officer.

Council Bill 2021-163. General Ordinance 6668 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis and Simpson. Nays: None Absent: McClure Abstain: None

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson relinquished the chair. Mayor McClure resumed as the presiding officer.

**Springfield Land
Development
Code, Section 36-
306 1132 West
Division Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-164

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.2 acres of property generally located at 1132 West Division Street from HC, Highway Commercial District, to R-TH, Residential Townhouse; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Councilwoman Romine inquired if these townhomes would be for rent or for sale. Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development noted that when looking at zoning, they only look at how land would be used.

Council Bill 2021-164. General Ordinance 6669 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Automobile
washing Permit
No. 452- 2808
North Kansas
Expressway**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-165

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 452 for the purpose of authorizing an automobile washing business to operate as a conditional use within the GR, General Retail District, generally located at 2808 North Kansas Expressway. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-165. Special Ordinance 27529 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**RSM US LLP;
Police Officers'
and Firefighters'
Retirement System**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2021-166

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with RSM US LLP, to provide professional auditing services to the City and to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System for fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

Councilman Lear noted that he would be abstaining from this vote due to a potentially perceived conflict of interest.

Council Bill 2021-166. Special Ordinance 27530 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Hardinger, Romine and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: Lear

**Emerald City
Band; Route 66
Festival**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-167

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Emerald City Band, Inc. in the amount of \$25,500, for the purpose of performing a live concert at the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival in Springfield, Missouri.

Councilman Ollis noted given earlier remarks from the City Manager and Acting Health Director, he is withdrawing his sponsorship for the proposed.

**Law Department
full-time position
of Law Technician**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-168

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget of the City to adjust the authorized employee positions in the Law Department by adding one full-time equivalent position of Legal Technician and to fund said position.

Council Bill 2021-168. Special Ordinance 27531 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Sanitary Sewer
Easement 3101
South Glenstone
Ave**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-169

A special ordinance relinquishing certain sanitary sewer easement(s) located at 3101 South Glenstone Avenue for the purpose of accommodating improvements at said location.

Council Bill 2021-169. Special Ordinance 27532 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

RESOLUTIONS

EMERGENCY BILLS

The following item appeared on the agenda under Public Improvements.

**Sanitary Sewer
District No. 17 of
Section No 26.;
Kearney Street and
Lurvey Road**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-173

A special ordinance to cause to be issued a corrected special tax against the lots, blocks, and parcels of ground hereinafter described to pay for the cost of the construction of sanitary sewers in the City of Springfield, Missouri, in Sanitary Sewer District No. 17 of Section No. 26, in the general vicinity of Kearney Street and Lurvey Road; authorizing the City Clerk to issue new special tax bills to replace special tax bills previously issued in "Special Ordinance 27031" which have subsequently been found to contain a calculation error; and authorizing the City Clerk to deliver the same to the Director of Finance to be registered in his office in accordance with this Ordinance; and, declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the proposed. Mr. Petering noted this special property tax for the initial design and construction of this sewer district was considered and assessed in 2013. Recently while completing an internal review, a calculation error was found which lead to an overstatement of those assessments. He further noted a review was completed on the other districts around the same time and was found to not affect those areas.

Council Bill 2021-173. Special Ordinance 27533 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Park Board's
Fiscal Year 2020-
2021 operating
budget.**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-174

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 operating budget by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$1,753,260.02 to allocate \$1,300,000.00 of revenue and associated offsetting expense items from Parks 2001 and 2006 Sales Tax Funds and \$453,260.02 of revenue and associated expense items within the Golf Fund, respectively.

Jerry Mitchell, Superintendent of Parks Business Operations provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this past fiscal year the Parks sales tax revenue exceeded the initial budget. Mr. Mitchell noted that part of the funds would be distributed to the Parks reserve and the additional monies would be allocated to replace a maintenance facility at Lake Springfield Park. He further noted an increase in revenue from the Golf Fund which would be utilized for reimbursement for the repair of two buildings.

Councilman Ollis inquired how much the Park Board would like to see in reserve. Mr. Mitchell noted the ideal target is 10%-12% of the annual operation budget.

Councilwoman Romine asked if there will be any upgrades in the parks located in Council Zone 1. Mr. Mitchell noted they have worked to allocate funds to the park system with limited resources.

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

**Coronavirus Stated
and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds;
American Rescue
Plan**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-175

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept \$40,276,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, from the U.S. Department of the Treasury; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$40,276,290 for the purpose of appropriating these funds.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this is the first action in acceptance and allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Mr. Holtmann noted Springfield has received the first half of this fund this past June. He further noted the City is scheduled to receive the remaining monies June of next year. Mr. Holtmann expressed these funds were awarded to Springfield in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. He noted these monies are in response to workers performing essential work during COVID-19, provide for government agencies services to the extent of reduction in revenue, and to make investments in water, sewer, and broadband. Mr. Holtmann expressed there would be other meetings and bills proposed for use of these funds to be approved by Council.

Mayor McClure noted these funds would be included in the 2021-2022 budget. He asked what happens to the unspent portions after the end of the next fiscal year. Mr. Holtmann noted the City has until December 31, 2021 to spend these funds. He further noted Springfield has another two years after that deadline if the funds have been obligated. Mr. Holtmann expressed the obligated funds would stay with the City and would carry over with ARPA funds for the next year until 2026.

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

**Sanitary Sewer
Overflow Control
Program;
Department of
Environmental
Services Clean
Water Enterprise
Fund.**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-176

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program, Group 6 Public Sewer Rehabilitation – Open Cut Repairs project; accepting the bid of Rosetta Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$5,485,050 for the project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for said project; and approving a budget adjustment in the amount of the bid, plus a contingency, to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget of the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water Enterprise Fund by appropriating reserves of said fund in the amount of \$6,582,060.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the proposed. He noted the City's ongoing efforts to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. Mr. Petering noted this project would require Springfield to physically dig up the pipe for it to be repaired or replaced. He further noted these projects are tracked and grouped together to help with funding cost. Mr. Petering noted Rosetta Construction, LLC has completed projects for the City in the past and are familiar with City procedures. Mr. Petering noted in receiving the additional funding, it would allow

for flexibility to pursue additional work needed towards the end of this three-year project.

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

**Springfield Code,
Chapter 96, Storm
Water Article III,
Land Disturbance
Activity**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-177

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 96, 'Storm Water,' Article III, 'Land Disturbance Activity,' by removing the security requirement, including additional requirements regarding permit duration and termination, providing additional enforcement mechanisms, and making other changes necessary for consistency with program policies and state land disturbance regulations.

Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the proposed. He explained the Land Disturbance Activity includes clearing and grubbing, excavating, or grading an area. He further noted these activities happen when natural ground cover is taken off a site, and bare ground is left exposed which can be transported through storm water runoff or by wind off the site onto adjacent sites. Mr. Petering noted this process lead to a land study about what areas could be streamlined to avoid land exposure for prolong amounts of time. Mr. Petering explained the prior procedure requirements to ensure the compliance in terms of the permit. He further explained that these requirements would involve a developer putting up a form of security such as a financial bond or letter of credit that would ensure the compliance with terms of the permit. He noted these security requirements are time consuming for the staff to administer due to the additional steps and can take up to a week or longer to complete. This bill would change some of the security requirements and allow the City to act and seek reimbursement for the work completed outside those terms.

Councilman Ollis asked what the average bond amount is for these types of projects. Mr. Petering noted the bond amount is based on a percentage of the expected cost to do the restoration of the ground.

Councilman Lear asked how often we have had to resort in using these bonds to compel the terms of the permit to be completed properly. Mr. Petering noted it has been rare this has been used but what is being presented currently can solve these issues more effectively. Councilman Lear further inquired if this proposal was a suggestion from staff or from another sources. Mr. Petering explained that pulling the land permit is the first step in this process. He noted this can take time with the current security protocols in place. He further noted this process was led by an internal review driven by feedback from frustrated individuals that are ready to work.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted that Mr. Petering expressed that our application is the State's first qualifying local permitter. He asked if the changes in the bill allow us to meet the standards of the application. Mr. Petering noted these changes should not affect our eligibility.

Councilman Hosmer inquired what security agreements are in place to protect the pollution from getting into the water system. Mr. Petering clarified the permitting process through the City. He further noted there are permits for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that manages to keep pollutants such as erosion, out of the water with code provisions while issuing permits for construction activity. Councilman Hosmer asked if staff recommended the elimination of the security provision period. Mr. Petering noted it was recommended internally after reviewing how many times this protocol had been utilized in the past. Councilman Hosmer inquired which groups reviewed this ordinance. Mr. Petering noted the review was completed by a committee consisting of Springfield Contractors Associations, the Growth and Development Community and design consultants within the Springfield community. Councilman Hosmer expressed wanting to broaden the scope of who has input on crafting ordinances.

Jason Gage, City Manager noted this bill did not lessen the requirement for the land disturbance security requirement. He noted that if the State did not do the job then the Environmental Protection Agency would have to step in due to the storm water. Mr. Gage noted this ordinance focuses on nuance abatement. He noted that if the job is not completed correctly, the City is not obligated to approve the construction of those areas which at that time the cost of the project not moving forward is more than the cost of permit.

Councilman Ollis noted that we are not trying to eliminate anything but rather speed up the process. He applauded the Director of Environmental Services for the job he has done.

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

**Ozark Greenways,
Inc; Galloway
Creek**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-178

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Ozark Greenways, Inc., granting a perpetual conservation easement on City-owned property bordering portions of Galloway Creek.

Chris Dunnaway, Principle Engineer provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this bill would be associated with another grant to improve water quality at the James River Water Plant. Mr. Dunnaway further noted the bill is proposing to add conservation easements over 2 city owned properties between Battlefield and Southern Hills Blvd area. Mr. Dunnaway noted conservation easements can place certain restrictions on a property to maintain it in the natural state. He further noted that upon successful awarding of the grant to James River Basin Partnership, part of the funds would be utilized to remove invasive species and establish native vegetation along the Galloway Creek and the Riparian Corridor.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Brent Stock, the Executive Director of the James River Basin Partnership noted funds for this easement would be utilized to improve the corridor in areas that need restoration or improvement. He noted this easement would not prohibit any of the activities that are in development in this location, including the Lone Pine Bike Park. He further noted that the easement would have a stipulation that would allow for additions and improvements to the trail systems.

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

**National Avenue
and Commercial
Street Signal
Replacement'
Ewing Signal
Construction, LLC**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-179

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the National Avenue and Commercial Street Signal Replacement project; accepting the bid of Ewing Signal Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$159,359.08 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Tom Dancey, Traffic Engineer gave an overview of the proposed. He stated this bill would allow the replacement of one of the oldest installations in the City located at National and Commercial St. He further noted this would allow for the reconstruction of sidewalks and ramps in the area, improving accessibility.

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

**Intergovernmental
Cooperative
Agreement with
the Ozarks
Transportation
Organization**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-180

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Ozarks Transportation Organization, for the purpose of funding a study of the North 13 Corridor Study; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$80,000 to appropriate Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for this project.

Tom Dancey, Traffic Engineer gave an overview of the proposed. He noted that this bill would allow Springfield to participate in funding the North 13 Corridor study of Highway 13 (Kansas Expressway). Mr. Dancey noted this area often experiences delays due to traffic and accidents. He further noted this study would examine solutions to improve safety and congestion around the interchange around I44 and Highway 13. Mr. Dancey noted that Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is proposed taking the lead on the project which includes Greene County, City of Springfield, and OTO. He further noted once a solution is found, MO Dot will look for additional funding for improvements.

Councilman Lear thanked Greene County and OTO for helping fund this bill. He noted that hopefully this study can find a way to improve safety and entry into the city.

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

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 operating budget of the City of Springfield in the General Fund

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-181

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 operating budget of the City of Springfield in the General Fund by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$93,580, for the purpose of adjusting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses as well as adjusting the salary budget for retirement payouts.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this bill is for the year end budget adjustment to account for items that occurred throughout this past fiscal year, 2021. He noted these expenses were not anticipated or known during the original budget process. He further noted this would increase revenue and expenses just under \$94,000 for the general fund. Mr. Holtmann explained the funds are for reimbursement for shared services, allocations of contingency funds within the general funds and salary variances such as retirement payout that are covered by salary saving within the general fund.

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

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 operating budget for City of Springfield in various Special Revenue and Capital Project Funds

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-182

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 operating budget of the City of Springfield by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$313,228, in various Special Revenue and Capital Project Funds, for the purpose of accounting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this bill is part of the final closeout for year-end budget adjustments for the Special Revenue and Capital Project Funds. He further noted the increase in the budget would address items such as building development, Fire escrow payments, and insurance reimbursements to the City for damaged property and equipment.

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

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

Appeared

Randy Allen addressed the issue of property crime. He expressed violent crimes should always be the top priority for response. Mr. Allen explained car licking as when criminals go to your car in the early hours of the morning, smash out the windows, and take what they can find. He noted that this has happened to his family 4 times this year. Mr. Allen expressed the frequencies are getting worse. Mr. Allen stated that some see this as a petty crime, but it is a felony. He noted that Springfield has a great Police Department and he is happy for the progress they have made towards recruitment.

Did not Appear

Kevin Myles did not appear to address the Council.

Appeared Leigh Haught addressed the issue of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Haught noted that those who are not vaccinated are the ones allowing this virus to mutate. She further noted that some do not want to have a masking mandate as it is seen as punishing those who have been vaccinated. She noted that there is so much misinformation out about the vaccines that we should flood PSA's about the truth utilizing the doctors and nurses. She further noted that replacing the city mask mandate would allow business to enforce the masks without backlash from the community.

Did not Appear Daryl Baker did not appear to address the Council.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Recommended The City Manager recommends the following appointments to the Art Museum Board: Amanda Stadler, and Lindsey Kelsay, with terms to expire June 1, 2024.

Recommended The City Manager recommends the following reappointment to the Building Trades Examination & Certification Board: Rory Krueger, with a term to expire December 1, 2023.

Recommended The City Manager recommends the following reappointments to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board: Susan Turner and Randall Blackwood, with terms to expire June 1, 2024.

Recommended The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board: Mark McNay, with a term to expire June 1, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS

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

Southern Hills Sponsor: Simpson Council Bill 2021-183
Community

Improvement A resolution confirming the appointment of Brad Fisher to the Southern Hills
District Board of Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)
Directors

Council Bill 2021-183. Resolution 10587 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Romine, McGull, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None
Absent: Hardinger Abstain: None

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

Planning and Development dedication; Preliminary Plat of Brody's Place, 5505 West Sunshine Street

Sponsor: Schilling Council Bill 2021-170

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Brody's Place, generally located at 5505 West Sunshine Street, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2021-170. Special Ordinance 27534 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Romine, McGull, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None Absent: Hardinger Abstain: None

Planning and Development dedication; Preliminary Plat of Deer Lake Soccer Park, 6006 West State Highway 266

Sponsor: Romine Council Bill 2021-171

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Deer Lake Soccer Park, generally located at 6006 West State Highway 266, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2021-171. Special Ordinance 27535 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Romine, McGull, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None Absent: Hardinger Abstain: None

Planning and Development dedication; Preliminary Plat of Smith Street Subdivision, 1047 East Smith Street

Sponsor: McGull Council Bill 2021-172

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Smith Street Subdivision, generally located at 1047 East Smith Street, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

Council Bill 2021-172. Special Ordinance 27536 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Romine, McGull, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None Absent: Hardinger Abstain: None

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilwoman Romine seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes. Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays. Hosmer. Absent. None. Abstain. None. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita J. Cotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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