

September 7, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session September 7, 2021 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. He recognized healthcare workers, public safety officers, and first responders in honor of the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Mayor McClure further recognized and gave thanks to Police Sargent Heather Anderson. She was given the award for valor by Governor Parson for her actions on June 9, 2020, when she saved the life of a fellow officer. A moment of silence was observed.

Mayor McClure also recognized Girl Scout Troop 1G member, McKenzie Jones who is working on a required merit badge called Citizenship in the Community.

- Roll Call** Present: Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Angela Romine, Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.
- Minutes** The minutes of August 23, 2021 City Council Meeting and August 31, 2021 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 noted Invest DSM Executive Director Amber Lynch presented at the City Council Lunch meeting to answer questions about how Springfield's Restore SGF program could be patterned after the Des Moines nonprofit. Mr. Gage thanked Ms. Lynch for joining him and City Council members Richard Ollis, Abe McGull, and Heather Hardinger, along with many City staff members and community partners for working on this cause. Representative Bill Owen of the 131st district, and Neighborhood Advisory Council Members Rusty Worley and Becky Volz are also a part of the contingent. He also thanked Brian Fogle, President and CEO of Community Foundation of the Ozarks, for committing \$600,000 toward the effort.

Mr. Gage noted since the end of last winter, Community Partnership's Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness has been exploring different models for offering overnight shelter, including expanding shelter access to every night during the winter. To find solutions, the City of Springfield and Community Partnership of the Ozarks are reaching out to the Springfield community. He explained the City would be holding virtual informational sessions starting on Thursday, September 9th at noon. This initial session will focus on an overview of crisis cold weather sheltering as well as a discussion on solutions around host sites. Additional sessions will focus on volunteer and transportation solutions. Each session will be held virtually via zoom with engagement sessions available in person at the O'Reilly Center for Hope.

Mr. Gage mentioned for those thinking about starting a new business, the City's Department of Workforce Development is offering a free virtual workshop regarding entrepreneurship.

Jon Mooney, Assistant Director of the Springfield- Greene County Health Department gave an update on the pandemic. He noted how the rate of new COVID-19 cases in Greene County continues to decline. The seven-day rolling average is down to 70, representing a 7% decline for the past week. While hospitalizations are down, there remains a high rate of severe illness compared to the number of cases in the community. Today 143 people are currently hospitalized with COVID-19 which consist of 72 people in the ICU and 37 people on ventilators. Mr. Mooney mentioned 53 people died in the month of August due COVID-19. He noted potentially hundreds of hospitalizations were prevented using monoclonal antibody infusion treatments at the state funded center. He further noted around 740 patients have received treatment at the facility staffed by the Missouri disaster medical assistance team. While the State funded center ended their operations in August, Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Cox Health, and Mercy are continuing to provide this treatment for to those who are at a higher risk of severe illness due to COVID-19. He noted 48% of Greene County residents, ages 12 and up, are fully vaccinated. He further noted Greene County is behind both the State and the National Vaccination rates. He expressed this is the time to get vaccinated against COVID and the variant before there is another surge or a new variant of this virus.

Mr. Mooney mentioned the amazing work of the Springfield Public Schools. He spoke about the prevention policies in place to help with those who did test positive for COVID-19 following the summer break. He noted as of Wednesday, Springfield Public Schools do not have any documented cases of transmission in the classroom. He further noted the universal masking policy allows students to stay in the classroom using modified quarantine. This practice allows unvaccinated students who have been identified as having close contact with a masked individual to continue to attend class. While these students still miss out on extracurricular activities and quarantine at home when not at school, they can continue to learn in person. Missouri State University, Drury University, and Evangel University and the Ozarks Technical Community College all have faculty, staff, and student vaccination rates surpass the overall community rate. All four institutions have been a part of this year's vaccination effort.

Mr. Mooney urged residents to be aware of other respiratory illnesses the coming months will bring to the community. He expressed the best thing to protect the children and the community is to get vaccinated. The COVID-19 outreach team continues to work to spread more information through the community.

Councilman Hosmer asked are we still seeing the same percentages of unvaccinated deaths as in the previous weeks. Mr. Mooney noted there were no changes in that information. Councilman Hosmer asked about the monoclonal antibody infusion and if it is a variation of the vaccine. Mr. Mooney explained the monoclonal antibody infusion treatment boosts the bodies antibody response to help provide a more robust immune response to the virus. He noted this is a timely treatment in the early stages of

the virus. He further noted this treatment reduces the severity of symptoms caused by the virus, but a vaccine is the best response to preventing serious illness or death.

Councilwoman Romine asked if people who have had COVID-19 previously, do they now have natural antibodies that would reduce the severity if they contracted the illness again, or its variants. Mr. Mooney explained people who have had COVID-19 do have a level of antibodies for protections, but there is not enough information about how long those natural antibodies last or if it is a vigorous enough of an antibody response to prevent future infections. He noted this is why those who previously had the virus are recommended to get the vaccine as it would add an extra layer of protection.

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

**Sewer Billing
Memorandum
Amendment**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-218.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to amend the Sewer Billing Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Springfield and City Utilities which sets forth the sewer billing services and rates provided by City Utilities to the Department of Environmental Services.

Council Bill 2021-218. Special Ordinance 27561 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**428 North
Jefferson Ave;
Renew Jordan
Creek Phase II
Project**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-219.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for the purchase of land generally located at 428 North Jefferson Avenue as part of the Renew Jordan Creek Phase II project; and to execute all necessary documents in support thereof. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2021-219. Special Ordinance 27562 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Major Street
Resurfacing;
Blevins Asphalt
Construction**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-220.

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Major Street Resurfacing of Arterial Roadways in Springfield; accepting the bid of Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,979,698.20, for said improvements; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2021-220. Special Ordinance 27563 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Employment Agreement; Jason A. Gage

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2021-221.

A special ordinance adopting and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to an Employment Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Jason A. Gage; and authorizing payment of salary and benefits to Jason A. Gage in accordance with the provisions set forth therein.

Council Bill 2021-221. Special Ordinance 27564 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Memorandum of Understanding with Ozark Technical Community College

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-222.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Ozarks Technical Community College regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking incidents on Ozarks Technical Community College campus or involving Ozarks Technical Community College faculty, students, staff, or visitors.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson recused himself and exited chambers.

Council Bill 2021-222. Special Ordinance 27565 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: Simpson None Abstain: None

Mayor Pro Tem Simson returned to the dais.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

Springfield Land Development Code Amendment; Acupuncturists

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-214. Tabled until the September 7, 2021 City Council Meeting.

A resolution initiating amendments to the Springfield Land Development Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' for the purpose of allowing acupuncturists as home occupations.

Mayor McClure noted the public hearing was held on August 23, 2021. He further noted this bill was tabled due to questions the Council had about other cities that allow this type of home occupation. Mayor McClure explained from the information he received, only two other cities in Missouri allow for this type of home occupation. He noted Councilman Schilling provided additional information to support this bill.

Council Bill 2021-214. Resolution 10595 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: McGull.

**Minor
Neighborhood
Improvement
Funding for Police
Department Body
Worn Camera**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-225.

A resolution approving the use of funds from the Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program for the purpose of funding the Police Department Body Worn Camera Program.

Police Chief Paul Williams gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this is a Public Works project approved by the City in 2020. He explained funding for the first year of the program was approved utilizing the Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program for the Body Worn Camera Program. This bill is for years 2-5 funding utilizing the same funding source. He noted the requested lump-sum would be split equally through the four Council Zones and utilized over the next four years of the program.

Councilman Ollis asked about how the body worn cameras are performing today. Police Chief Williams responded the cameras are working better than expected. He noted the department has experienced little technical issues when utilizing these cameras and the benefits of using this technology through the community. He mentions how the use of the data has created accountability and transparency on the part of the officers to members of the public and vice versa.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked in terms of evidentiary use, how does the body camera program help the process of filing reports. Police Chief Williams explained the process of linking the video with the reports. He noted documentation still happens for the report and the video is linked as part of evidence.

Councilman Hosmer asked if these have been utilized in the courtroom. Police Chief Williams responded that would be a question for the Prosecutor's Office. Councilman Hosmer asked if there was something that could be done to help with the data collection. Police Chief noted additional support staff would help with processing requests and paperwork.

Councilwoman Romine expressed how this bill could have utilized a different funding source.

Councilman McGull expressed the body cameras are a good tool for the Police Department to use. He asked the City Manager what the funding source will be for this program once the terms of the Minor Neighborhood Improvement funding are complete. Jason Gage, City Manager noted the budget is about balancing. He further noted once the final audit of the year is complete, it would be easier to see what other funding sources are available for use.

Councilman Hosmer expressed after speaking with constituents in different neighborhoods, body worn cameras are a big part of transparency and eliminating some of the arguments and helps build trust amongst the police officers and the people.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted this is a major improvement for safer neighborhoods.

Councilman Lear noted funding is a balance on how the budget will be spent based off changing needs, and this measure was in place to help get the body worn cameras in operation.

Council Bill 2021-225. Resolution 10596 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills.

Operating Budget Increase for Fieldhouse Sports Center

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-226.

A special ordinance amending the Park Board's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 operating budget by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$604,907.91 to fund the operations of the Fieldhouse SportsCenter for the period of September 28, 2021, through June 30, 2022; and declaring an emergency.

Bob Belote, Director of Parks & Recreation gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this bill will allow for the Parks Department to move forward with necessary budget items associated with the operation. He explained this is to minimize the disruption of existing teams, coaching, players, and tournaments already in place at the Fieldhouse. The proposed 9-month budget would allow for the Parks board to maintain the facility and adjust for the anticipated revenue received from the Fieldhouse. He thanked the Council for their support for the acquisition of this property and Springfield for their support of the Greene- County Parks Systems.

Councilman Lear noted there are no general funds for this property, and it is considered a balanced revenue for the City. He explained this is not a negative or positive income effect to the City.

Council Bill 2021-226. Special Ordinance 27566 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: Romine. None Absent: None Abstain: None

Employee Positions in the Parks Department

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-227.

A general ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board to adjust the authorized employee positions in the Parks Department by adding three full-time-equivalent positions, including one Recreation Services Coordinator Position (PAT 8), one Recreation Services Supervisor Position (PAT 6), and one Building Maintenance Worker (CLT 5) and to fund said positions; and declaring an emergency.

Bob Belote, Director of Parks & Recreation gave an overview for the proposed. He noted this request would appropriate nine-month operational funding for three full time positions. The proposed includes a budget adjustment for the three full time positions. Mr. Belote noted this request is time sensitive to get the Parks Department the needed staff.

Councilman Ollis inquired about the role the Building Maintenance Worker would have in maintaining the facility. Mr. Belote responded this would be a dedicated maintenance position specifically for this facility in addition to other part time positions. He explained this individual would not be shared amongst the other Parks facilities and, if needed, would enlist the help for the Chesterfield Village facility. Councilman Ollis noted as this facility moves forward, maintenance will be a key component to elevate this concept to the next level and increase sports tourism.

Council Bill 2021-227. General Ordinance 6682 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: Romine. Absent: None Abstain: None

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Grants.

Disaster Grants- Public Assistance

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-228.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept grant funds from the Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) Missouri COVID-19 Pandemic program through the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency, for qualifying expenditures from May 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$2,864,287.11; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance & Comptroller gave an overview of the proposed. She noted this bill authorizes the City to apply for and accept public assistance grant funds from FEMA to cover qualifying expenditures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This declaration allows the City to access federal resources through the public assistance program. The typical reimbursement rate for the program is 75% from FEMA, 10% from the State, and 15% covered from City monies. She explains for the COVID-19 Public Assistance Program, 100% of eligible expenses are covered by FEMA through the end of the calendar year 2021.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification on the amount the Health Department has not been refunded. Ms. Vernon explained \$2.8 million has not been covered by other federal or state resources such as the CARES ACT monies received through Greene County. This does not include the monies allocated from ARPA to the Health Department.

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

Council Bill 2021-228. Special Ordinance 27567 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: Romine. Absent: None Abstain: None

**U.S. Department
of Transportation
Grant**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-229.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, acting for the United States, under the Small Community Air Service Development Program in an amount of up to \$750,000, for the purpose of providing funds to address the air service needs of the community; accepting local matching funds from the Springfield Business Development Corporation of up to \$90,000; accepting up to \$60,000, from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; appropriating up to \$25,000, of Airport funds; amending the budget of the Airport Board for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$925,000; and declaring an emergency.

Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this grant would allow the Springfield Airport to possibly expand services. Mr. Weiler explained the impact the pandemic has had on the airport. He noted this grant is used to enhance and promote air service. It would allow for guaranteed revenue and marketing support but would not be a guarantee of new services. He explained the current grant program has community matching funds, targets an east coast hub, and will take time to develop.

Mayor McClure asked how competitive this grant is. Mr. Weiler expressed it is a very competitive grant. He noted there were 78 applications competing for \$80 million and Springfield was awarded one of the 22 grants in the FAA Central Region.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Matt Marrow spoke in support of the proposed. He expressed this would be a good investment for the City of Springfield and would help with expanding the airport. He thanked Council for their work.

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

Council Bill 2021-229. Special Ordinance 27568 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, and McClure. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

AMENDED BILLS

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

**Rezoning; 1905
and 1933 North
Glenstone Avenue**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-230.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3.91 acres of property generally located at 1905 and 1933 North Glenstone Avenue from HM, Heavy Manufacturing District, to HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 202; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map.

(Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: TKG III Springfield LLC; 1905 & 1933 North Glenstone Avenue; Z-18-2021 w/COD #202)

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this is a comprehensive plan appropriate for medium intensity retail, office, or housing. It is located at the intersection of a primary arterial and local roadway of Glenstone and Atlantic. He noted this area is already developed and a stormwater detention is not applicable. He further noted a traffic study would be required at the time of development.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Teresa Davidson noted she represents the owner in the proposed and is available should Council have questions.

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

**Zoning
Regulations; Grant
Avenue Parkway
District Standards**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-231.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 7, Grant Avenue Parkway District Standards. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Randall Whitman, Principal City Planner gave an overview of the proposed. He explained some clarifying language and noted this bill would also allow for an exemption for any expansion and enlargement of existing structures in Subdistrict A, which would include a reduction in minimum height, building orientation, siting, and design.

Councilman McGull mentioned it may be beneficial for solving the parking issue if there was the possibility of adding a shuttle service between Grant Avenue and Commercial St.

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

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

**2022 Operating
Budget; City
Utilities**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-232.

A special ordinance approving City Utilities' Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget for its Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022.

Rob Rector, City Utilities Board Chair gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this budget will focus on resiliency of systems and advancing the quality of life in the community. He explained it would allow continued progress on the expansion of the Spring Net Fiber network to provide highspeed broadband to the community. He noted the 2022 budget does not include any base rate increases. This budget includes a

strong focus on infrastructure with a continued emphasis on natural gas/water main renewals and electric pole replacements. He noted the proposed will also funding to underground and relocating facilities along the Grant Avenue Parkway Corridor. It would provide the community with over 40% of its electricity needs through renewable energy.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Rector for his service on the Public Utilities Board. He asked how Springfield compares to other communities in the usage of renewable energy. Mr. Rector responded the 40% far exceeds the other communities within the State of Missouri. The CU team continues to grow the usage of renewable resources and remains an important priority of City Utilities.

Mayor McClure inquired where Springfield's percentage in overall utility usage compared to other communities. Amy Derald, Vice President- Chief Financial Officer noted when looking at investor-owned utilities and requirements in the State of Missouri, Springfield is 25% over the renewable target.

Ms. Derald presented an overview of the 2022 budget. She explained the rise in natural gas prices compared to what was projected for the year. She noted as we move towards winter, CU is working on information to send to the customers about natural gas cost. She expressed the cost incurred by the CU company is dollar for dollar what the customer pays. She presented information about the retail power supply mix. She compared 2021 and what is requested for 2022 regarding expenditures, receipts, disbursement, community services, and active energy services programs. Ms. Derald explained the winter weatherization program response caused by the February storms and what programs put into place to help low-income customers.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there was a way to provide free public transportation for those in need. Ms. Derald explained there are certain bonds and ordinances that do not allow CU to provide certain free services. She expressed CU is working on other options to address this need. Councilman Hosmer inquired if CU always utilizes all the resources that are available in the weatherization program to help those who are unable to pay for their utility bills due to poorly insulated homes. Ms. Derald explained in a normal year, the insulation rebates are up to a 20% coverage for the expenditure but in 2022 they are looking at covering 100% with the proposed budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked what changes would need to be made with the bonds and ordinances for CU to be able to offer fare free services to those in need. Ms. Derald explained these restrictions were set in Springfield's Charter and expressed there would need to be a change within the charter.

Councilman Lear noted many individuals are tenants and may not be aware of the programs available through CU. He expressed wanting to find a way to motivate those individuals to utilize these services.

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

**City Utilities
Operational
Budget; Extreme
Weather Events**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-233.

A special ordinance approving City Utilities Supplemental Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget for changes to items of expenditure and total disbursement authority related to the extreme weather events which occurred from February 11, 2021 through February 20, 2021.

Amy Derald, Vice President- Chief Financial Officer gave an overview of the proposed. She explained City Utilities supplement budget and contingency plan for 2022. She noted this relates to the increase in natural gas cost and the issues occurred during the extreme weather events in February other inflation cost.

Councilman Ollis complimented City Utilities for the way they handled the extreme weather conditions in February and allowing the citizens to pay the rise in natural gas cost over time.

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

**Edward Byrne
Memorial Justice
Grant**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-234.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$178,469 from the United States Department of Justice and to enter into an interlocal agreement with Greene County, outlining the division of the grant funds; and amending the budget for the Springfield Police Department for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$178,469.

Police Chief Paul Williams gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this is a dual bill which will allow the Police Department to accept a grant and approve an agreement with Greene County. He explained the Department of Justice utilizes a formula to determine the amount awarded with grant funds. He explained the stipulation of the grant notes if another entity handles more than 50% of housing and prosecution of prisoners, then the grant must be shared. He noted using those monies, the Springfield Police Department would purchase Risk Terrain Modeling Software. He mentions this would allow for technological advances to help with the efficiency of the department. He further noted it would allow for upgrades to surveillance vehicles and upgrades to the mobile command post by purchasing equipment to make those items more modern. Chief Williams noted Greene County would utilize these funds to purchase professional standard software and brush guards for their patrol vehicles.

Councilman Hosmer asked what Risk Terrain Modeling Software is. Chief Williams responded it is an algorithm software developed by a University to evaluate the potential of criminal activity in an area. It analyzes different variables to help decide where to deploy officers in the community. Councilman Hosmer asked how the grant award amount was determined for Springfield. Chief Williams noted the grant amount was based off a formula used by the Department of Justice. The decision on how to

split the grant between Greene County and the City of Springfield was negotiated between the two parties when the agreement was first put into place.

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

**Salary Ordinance;
Airport**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-235.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service as contained in the Professional, Administrative and Technical Schedules by making provision for six new job titles and deleting one job title; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget of certain City departments to reallocate funds for the addition of one new full-time equivalent position at the Airport and transitioning 29 contract positions to 29 full-time equivalent positions and adjusting the authorized employee positions.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources gave an overview of the proposed. She noted there are three components to this bill. She explained the first component consists of six new job titles and deletion of one job title based on recommended organization changes and job studies completed. The second component includes recommendations to transition 29 contract positions to regular full-time employees. She noted these contract positions were for long term services and ongoing needs have been established with existing funding already approved. Ms. Morrison noted the last component is for one full time employee for the Springfield Airport police officer to address increased security needs due to growth of passengers out of the Airport.

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

**Springfield Fire
Department and
OTC training
program**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-236.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Ozarks Technical Community College regarding cooperative training between the Springfield Fire Department and Ozarks Technical Community College.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson recused himself and exited chambers.

David Pennington, Fire Chief gave an overview of the proposed. He noted this would be a revised Intergovernmental Agreement for a training program with the Springfield Fire Department and Ozark Technical Community College science program.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson returned to his dias.

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

- Did Not Appear** Isreal Reel did not appear to address City Council.
- Appeared** Daniel Gross addressed the Council. He expressed his thoughts on how to help the homeless populations. He spoke about repurposing areas to help those who are needing housing and services to help with mental health issues.
- Did Not Appear** Cedric Smith did not appear to address City Council.
- Appeared** Crista Hogan addressed the Council. She spoke on citizens participation during City Council meetings. She expressed different ways to address issues amongst the community and ensure citizens have a chance to express themselves in a professional manner.
- Did Not Appear** Daryl Day did not appear to the Council.
- Appeared** Darlene Steele addressed the Council. She thanked councilmembers for their work. She spoke on returning to masking and limitation to large public gatherings. She expressed her frustration with how many chose to negatively approach the Council.
- Appeared** Kevin Ray Evans addressed the Council. He spoke of the positives of masking and vaccinations. He provided statistics to the number of deaths here in Springfield. He expressed his first experience with close family members dying from COVID-19. He expressed the importance of caring for your neighbors.
- Mayor Pro Tem Simpson extended his condolences.
- Appeared** Cindy Austin addressed the Council. She spoke on mask mandates in schools and her belief of the negative health effects of masking.
- Appeared** Gerald Keim addressed the Council. He expressed his opinion about homelessness and masking.
- Appeared** Lisa Meeks addressed the Council. She addressed the issue of vaccine promotions. She expressed her opinion regarding information provided by national health professionals.
- Appeared** Jan DuMas addressed the Council. She provided Council with a literature regarding informed consent.
- Councilman Hosmer asked if she understood some information in the pamphlet has been updated since it was last presented. Ms. DuMas expressed her opinion the information contained in the literature is to be believed, and the Pfizer vaccine has not been approved by the FDA.

Appeared Susan Carter addressed the Council. She expressed her thoughts about the government mandates and her personal health choices.

Withdrew Courtney Fletcher withdrew her request to speak with City Council.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk noted Phllinda Shepley provided comments that were distributed to members of Council and would be reflected in the minutes.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Recommended The Mayor recommends the following appointments to the Public Housing Authority: Isabelle Jimenez-Walker and Debbie Tinen, with terms to expire April 11, 2025.

Recommended The Mayor recommends the following reappointment to the Public Housing Authority: Cheryl Clay, with a term to expire April 11, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Sanitary Sewer Easements; 3101 South Glenstone Avenue Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-237.

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

Preliminary Plat of Stalzer; 1605 West Nichols Street Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-238.

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 Stalzer Addition, generally located at 1615 West Nichols 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.)

Preliminary Plat of Boing, 2808 North Kansas Expressway Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021-239.

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 Boing U.S. Holdco Subdivision, generally located at 2808 North Kansas Expressway, 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.)

**Real Property at
2433 North
Cottage Avenue to
Sterling Fields**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2021- 240.

A special ordinance approving the conveyance of real property at 2433 North Cottage Avenue to Sterling Fields; and authorizing the issuance of a quit claim deed.

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

**Downtown
Springfield CID
Board of Directors**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2021- 241.

A resolution confirming the appointment of Lori Lampert to the Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff and the Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District Board of Directors recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2021-241. Resolution 10597 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None Abstain: None.

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

**Joint Funding
Agreement;
Streamgages**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-223.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior for the purpose of operating and maintaining four streamgages.

Council Bill 2021-223. Special Ordinance 27569 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None Abstain: None.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to Adjourn. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



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