

**January 24, 2022**  
**Springfield, Missouri**

The City Council met in regular session January 24, 2022 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, Heather Hardinger, Angela Romine, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.
- Minutes** The minutes of January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting and January 11, 2022 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.
- Consent Agenda** The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Councilwoman Romine asked the purpose of the monitoring well mentioned in Council Bill 2022-026 and if the issue is in response to any concerns. Jason Gage, City Manager noted the site is being monitored for contamination. Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services noted the sampling well will be related to the former Kerr-McGee site and there is no specific concern. He further noted the site manufactured railroad ties soaked in creosote and the bill would provide an additional well for monitoring. Mr. Kemper added the Department of Natural Resources provides testing information to the public.

Councilman Hosmer asked if coal tar contaminants are monitored and if council will receive the results of the sampling. Mr. Kemper noted the results can be provided to City Council and most results are public information. Mr. Hosmer requested an update on this information.

**The following bill appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters.**

- Recognizing Bill Weaver** Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2022-030

A resolution recognizing Bill Weaver for his forty-five years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Springfield.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson read the resolution in its entirety. Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development noted Mr. Weaver's many accomplishments during his career with the City.

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

Mayor McClure noted the great career Mr. Weaver has had thus far with the City and expressed his gratefulness and thanks to Mr. Weaver for his work. Mr. Weaver expressed his thanks to City Council and City staff for their management and support and his appreciation to all.

Council Bill 2022-030. Resolution 10612 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**City Manager  
Report**

Jason Gage, City Manager noted the 75<sup>th</sup> Springfield Police Department Academy kicked off today with 27 participants. Mr. Gage added the previous academy had 7 graduates and expressed his excitement for these 27 participants to go through the program. He noted he will keep City Council posted on their progress.

Mr. Gage noted Central Street has reopened to through traffic between Benton and Clay Avenues as construction on the Central Street Corridor Phase II project nears completion. He added the projects “complete street” improvements along the corridor have a goal to provide a system for all modes of transportation in a pedestrian-heavy area of the City.

Councilman Hosmer asked for an update on a vacant Walnut street property that has previously been discussed. Mr. Gage noted the City is in process of reviewing code to move forward with addressing issues with the property.

**Public Health  
Director Report**

Katie Towns, Public Health Department Director noted the COVID-19 7 day new case average is 771 per day. Sampling data shows Omicron represents approximately 70% of cases in Greene County. She further noted the Omicron variant, although milder in some cases, can still cause hospitalization. Ms. Towns added the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data regarding hospitalizations for the month of December shows vaccination is the best tool to prevent illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19. She noted the case rate since December 1, 2021 in unvaccinated individuals is double the case rate of vaccinated individuals per 100,000 people. Ms. Towns added there are currently 61 people in critical care. She noted the recommendation for individuals is to wear a mask, get vaccinated or boosted, and stay home if ill. The department has begun to distribute three-ply surgical masks in the community. Additional support has been obtained through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. She added the state testing site is located at 1000 E. Trafficway and is open Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. free drive up testing is available. Also, Jordan Valley offers walk in testing seven days per week. Ms. Towns noted the current local vaccination rate is nearly 53% and individuals over 12 years old who received the vaccine prior to August 24, 2021 are eligible for the booster dose. Ms. Towns expressed her belief changing your mind and deciding to get vaccinated now is positive and no judgement should be placed on those not yet vaccinated.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his thanks to Ms. Towns and her department for their work. Mr. Simpson asked if organizations can get assistance with masks and tests. Ms. Towns noted organizations can contact the call center for assistance.

Councilwoman Hardinger expressed her thanks to Ms. Towns for the update. Ms. Hardinger asked the best masking method. Ms. Towns noted the most effective masks are a N-95 or similar mask adding any mask will offer some protection.

Councilman Lear expressed his thanks to Ms. Towns for her work. He asked about the status of contact tracing. Ms. Towns noted due to volume, contact tracing has been suspended and the department is providing a text to positive individuals with a link to website information.

Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Towns and her staff for their excellent work.

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

**Amended Petition for the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-002

A special ordinance approving the Amended Petition for the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield, the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District, and Missouri Commercial Development, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Greene County Clerk of the amendments. (Staff recommends approval.)

Councilwoman Romine noted her support for the bill as it is rare a business will opt out of a Community Improvement District (CID).

Council Bill 2022-002. Special Ordinance 27629 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-003

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 38.95 acres of property generally located at 3908, 3972, and 4038 East Woodhue Lane from Planned Development 305 to R-SF, Residential Single-family; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 206; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.) (By: Hickory Land Company LLC; 3908, 3972 & 4038 East Woodhue Lane; Z-22-2021 w/ COD #206.)

Council Bill 2022-003. General Ordinance 6702 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Section 36-451: Acupuncture**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-004

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Section 36-451, 'Home Occupations,' to allow acupuncture as a permitted home occupation. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2022-004. General Ordinance 6703 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: McGull. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the  
Springfield City  
Code, Chapter 58:  
Refund**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-006

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 58, "Health and Sanitation", Article II "Food and Food Establishments", Division 2, "Restaurants", Section 53 "Permit required; fees, suspension or revocation" to define a process by which City of Springfield food establishment permit holders with permanently discontinuing businesses may apply for a refund of the unused portion of their permit upon application approval by the Director of Public Health.

Council Bill 2022-003. General Ordinance 6704 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the  
Springfield City  
Code, Chapter 118**

Sponsor: Simpson. Amended Council Bill 2022-007

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 118, 'Vehicles for Hire,' Article II, 'Taxicabs, Courtesy Cars and Airport Limousines,' Section 118-35, 'Applicability of article; exceptions,' to reflect changes in federal and state law.

Mayor McClure noted he would make a motion to amend line 37 of the bill by inserting 'or a successor agency of either' after the word 'transportation' to protect in the event that names or responsibilities change. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney affirmed the added language would not constitute a substantive change.

Mayor McClure moved to amend Council Bill 2022-007 by inserting 'or a successor agency of either' after the word 'transportation' on line 37. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded and the motion to amend was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Amended Council Bill 2022-007. General Ordinance 6705 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the  
Springfield City  
Code, Chapter 96:  
Fee Structure**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-008

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 96, 'Storm Water,' Article I, 'Flood Control and Water Quality Protection,' by removing the detention fee in lieu of rate table in Section 96-16 and incorporating this fee structure into the annual fee study for regular evaluation and adjustments

Council Bill 2022-008. General Ordinance 6706 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services: “Evaluation of Charges for Municipal Services;” and adopting new fees**

Sponsor: Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, & Simpson. Council Bill 2022-009

A general ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for certain City services as provided in the Springfield City Code, by making such adjustments as provided in the attached “Evaluation of Charges for Municipal Services;” and adopting new fees for certain City services. (The Finance and Administration Committee recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2022-009. General Ordinance 6707 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Constructing and maintaining sanitary sewers: Chestnut South Lift Station Relief Sewer Project**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-010

A special ordinance declaring the necessity of condemning permanent and temporary easements over, under, and through the properties herein described for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sanitary sewers in the Chestnut South Lift Station Relief Sewer Project, #2017PW0007; and authorizing designated officers, or their designees, to do all things necessary to carry out the terms of this Ordinance.

Councilwoman Romine asked how the mature trees in the area will be compensated for. Ron Petering, Assistant Director of Environmental Services noted compensation for trees is addressed in the offer.

Council Bill 2022-010. Special Ordinance 27630 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources: Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-011

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources whereby the City agrees to financially secure the future closure and post-closure care of all currently active and previously completed portions of the City’s Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill.

Council Bill 2022-011. Special Ordinance 27631 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022: appropriate retained earnings**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-012

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) to appropriate retained earnings from the Solid Waste Fund for the engineering design, construction, and oversight of the Landfill Office Building Remodel/Expansion and the Lone Pine Recycling Center Improvements.

Council Bill 2022-012. Special Ordinance 27632 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Wastewater  
Service Contract  
and Mutual Aid  
Agreement: City of  
Strafford**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-013

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Wastewater Service Contract and Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Strafford for the purpose of continuing to provide contract wastewater service to Strafford.

Council Bill 2022-013. Special Ordinance 27633 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Wastewater  
Service Contract  
and Mutual Aid  
Agreement: City of  
Willard**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-014

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Wastewater Service Contract and Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Willard for the purpose of continuing to provide contract wastewater service to Willard.

Council Bill 2022-014. Special Ordinance 27634 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Infrastructure  
Reimbursement  
Agreement: Buc-  
ee's Springfield,  
LLC**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-015

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with Buc-ee's Springfield, LLC, for improvements to the I-44 / Mulroy Road interchange, improvements to Mulroy Road north of I-44, and extension of public utilities to facilitate the development of property for the Buc-ee's development.

Councilman Schilling moved to table Council Bill 2022-015 until the February 22, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion and the motion to table failed with the following vote: Ayes: Romine and Schilling. Nays: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilman Schilling expressed his belief more research needs to be done on the project before it goes forward.

Councilwoman Romine expressed her opposition to using taxpayer dollars to support Buc-ees. Ms. Romine acknowledged the number of jobs the business will provide, and expressed her belief the compensation to employees is not sufficient. She added the City needs to use taxpayer money and incentives to aid the citizens of Springfield.

Councilwoman Hardinger noted according to the MIT living wage calculator, the living wage in Greene County for one individual is \$13.84 per hour. Ms. Hardinger asked

City staff to define Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement (IRA). Mr. Gage noted when utilizing an IRA, the business pays for the infrastructure improvements at the beginning of the project, they are then reimbursed over time for the expenses through sales taxes the business generates. Sarah Kerner, Economic Development Director noted the agreement is to reimburse the developer for public infrastructure the developer paid for through reimbursement of half of sales taxes the business generates. Ms. Hardinger expressed her belief there has been confusion as to taxpayer money being used. Ms. Kerner noted Buc-ees attracts travelers and this development would generate new sales tax for the City. She added further development could occur near the business which would have to adhere to zoning requirements. Councilwoman Hardinger noted comments have been made regarding the development being seated atop a watershed and asked if that issue could be addressed.

John Chamberlin, a representative engineer for the project, addressed water quality questions. Mr. Chamberlin noted there is a detention pond on the north side and an oversized detention pond on the site to the south of the development. He added improvements to the site will reduce stormwater runoff volume by approximately 70%. Councilwoman Hardinger asked if any significant environmental impacts are anticipated. Mr. Chamberlin noted in the design of the project, the area where the pumps are located has the pumps tipped back toward the detention pond and the water goes through two sewer systems with hydro dynamic separators to remove hydrocarbons from a spill before the water reaches the detention pond. He further noted the impact to a water source is very insignificant due to these design features.

Councilman Ollis asked to pose questions to Stan Beard, a representative of Buc-ees. Mr. Ollis asked if the sales tax collected at the Buc-ees site will be used to reimburse Buc-ees for public infrastructure. Mr. Beard answered affirmatively. Mr. Beard noted Buc-ees will spend approximately \$4.1 million dollars on public infrastructure improvements, and in the agreement with the City, Buc-ees will keep half of the sales tax generated by the Buc-ees store until the \$4.1 million dollars has been reimbursed or until twenty years has passed. He added the remaining half of the sales tax collected will go to the City and the capital investment total for the Buc-ees project is \$50-56 million dollars. Mr. Beard further noted hearing misinformation regarding the sales tax amounts and clarified the sales tax numbers he is speaking of for this agreement do not include fuel tax. Councilman Ollis asked if this is the first store in Missouri. Mr. Beard answered affirmatively and noted the store is expected to generate \$30 million dollars from the sale of goods for the first year and will employ 175-200 people with a starting wage of \$15-17 dollars per hour. Councilman Ollis thanked Mr. Beard for Buc-ees interest in Springfield.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if electric vehicle chargers will be added to the site. Mr. Beard noted Buc-ees has discussed installation of the chargers. Mr. Simpson asked Ms. Kerner for clarification regarding the amount of sales tax the City would receive. Ms. Kerner noted half of sales tax would go to reimburse Buc-ees for the infrastructure agreement and half of sales tax would go to the City. Mayor Pro-Tem Simpson noted the Missouri Department of Transportation traffic count on an average day for the portion of I-44 where Buc-ees would be located is 30,000. Mr. Simpson expressed his belief he prefers travelers spend money in Springfield.

Councilman McGull asked what type of businesses historically form around a Buc-ees. Mr. Beard noted restaurants, fast food establishments, outlet mall stores, CVS, Walgreens, industrial flex space, and hotels.

Councilwoman Romine asked if a Community Improvement District (CID) is attached. Mr. Gage noted the CID will come later and will be specific to the extension of Mulroy road to bring utilities and water to that portion of the development. Mr. Beard noted Buc-ees uses the tools available to them, such as IRA or CID, when development occurs.

Councilman Hosmer asked if all expenditures related to the IRA and CID are for improvements off the property. Mr. Beard answered affirmatively. Mr. Hosmer asked if Buc-ees has had any environmental issues and what their parking lots are sealed with. Mr. Beard noted Buc-ees has never had a reportable spill and their parking lots are concrete. Mr. Hosmer expressed his belief to use a CID or IRA when providing jobs, improving infrastructure, and generating sales tax dollars is an appropriate use.

Mayor McClure noted the City is not giving money to Buc-ees, but Buc-ees is paying the upfront cost for the infrastructure and the reimbursement will come from sales tax, not fuel tax, generated by Buc-ees. He added examples of where this process has also been used in the City, noting these are all beneficial to the community. Mayor McClure noted he is pleased to support the venture. He further noted the success of the Partnership Industrial Center and the City's need to continue to grow.

Council Bill 2022-015. Special Ordinance 27635 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Romine and Schilling. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**City of Springfield  
to dispose: 532 N.  
Boonville**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2022-016

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield to dispose of approximately 0.09 acres of property generally located at 532 North Boonville Avenue. (Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2022-016. Special Ordinance 27636 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Contract for the  
sale: 532 N.  
Boonville**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2022-017

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for the sale of certain real estate generally located at 532 North Boonville Avenue and adjacent to the Roy Blunt Jordan Valley Innovation Center, to Missouri State University.



Council Bill 2022-017. Special Ordinance 27637 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the  
Springfield City  
Code, Chapter 2,  
Article III,  
Division 1, Section  
2-92, known as the  
'Salary Ordinance'**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-018

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service in order to provide for pay adjustments for all employees on the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non Union Schedule, the Professional, Administrative and Technical Unclassified Schedule, the Crafts, Trades and Labor Non Union Schedule, the Fire Protection Non Union Schedules, and the Law Enforcement Non Union Schedule, and to department heads; to freeze certain steps of certain grades within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Non-Union Salary Schedule; and to amend the Commission-Based Supplemental Pay Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the City in the amount of \$739,300 to appropriate funds for the pay adjustments.

Council Bill 2022-018. General Ordinance 6708 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Third Amendment  
to the  
Employment  
Agreement: Jason  
A. Gage**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-019

A special ordinance adopting and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the 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 2022-019. Special Ordinance 27638 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Third Amendment  
to the  
Employment  
Agreement: Anita  
J. Cotter**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-020

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

Council Bill 2022-020. Special Ordinance 27639 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**American Rescue Plan Act funds: eligible full time, non-union employees of Health Department, Police Department, Fire Department: Retention**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-021

A special ordinance authorizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to be paid to eligible full time, non-union employees within the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, the Police Department, and the Fire Department for the purpose of employee retention and adopting a payment schedule for such retention payments; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$1,719,700 to appropriate funds for said retention payments.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted the priority of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) committee is to ensure retention of Health Department staff and First Responders. He expressed his support for the wage increases. He added the committee will continue to make best use of the funds to improve issues in the community.

Council Bill 2022-021. Special Ordinance 27640 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-022

A special ordinance approving the Second Addendum to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Fire Department, to provide for mid-year pay increases and to provide for distribution of certain American Rescue Plan Act funds to members of the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of employee retention; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Second Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$1,670,000 to appropriate funds for said pay increases and retention payments.

Council Bill 2022-022. Special Ordinance 27641 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-023

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Springfield Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 22, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Police Department to provide for mid-year pay increases and to provide for distribution of certain American Rescue Plan Act funds to members of the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of employee retention; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$3,055,300 to appropriate funds for said pay increases and retention payments.

Council Bill 2022-023. Special Ordinance 27642 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.  
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-024

A special ordinance approving the Fourth Amendment to the July 1, 2019, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Crafts, Trades, and Labor Employee Group, to provide for freezing of certain steps within certain grades, for mid-year pay increases, and to provide for distribution of certain American Rescue Plan Act funds to limited members of the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of employee retention; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Fourth Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$125,300 to appropriate funds for said pay increases and retention payments.

Council Bill 2022-024. Special Ordinance 27643 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.  
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-025

A special ordinance approving the Second Amendment to the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 753 affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit consisting of limited employees within the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Employee Group, to provide for freezing of certain steps within certain grades and for mid-year pay increases for all members of the Bargaining Unit; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative; and amending the budget of the City in the amount of \$8,100 to appropriate funds for the pay increases.

Council Bill 2022-025. Special Ordinance 27644 was approved with the following vote:  
Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure.  
Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**RESOLUTIONS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.**

**Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit: 602 West University Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-031

A resolution granting a Short-Term Rental Type 2 Permit for the property located at 602 West University 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.

Daniel Neal, Senior City Planner gave a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Neal noted short-term rental type 2 properties are rented for less than 30 days, 55% of neighbors' signatures must be secured for approval, and property is located within Residential – Single Family (R-SF) or Residential Townhouse (R-TH) zoning district. The proposed property is zoned R-SF, a neighborhood meeting was held on December 13, 2021, and two adjacent property owner's signatures were acquired.

Councilman Schilling noted an out of state company is the owner of the property and asked if this is common. Mr. Neal noted non-local ownership has not shown to be a trend and the owners will sometimes employ a local manager for short-term rentals.

Councilman McGull asked for the maximum density of these type of properties allowed in one area. Mr. Neal noted one short term rental per 8 homes are allowed in one block face area. Mr. McGull expressed his concern non-responsive neighbors delay the process.

Councilman Ollis asked if the form provided to neighbors for comments asks for a yes or no decision, and if it would be a difficult change to add a no designation to the form. Mr. Neal noted the form does not have a no option but does require a signature to designate yes. Rhonda Lewsader noted nothing in the code states you cannot, or are required to, add no as an option to the form.

Councilman Lear expressed his belief short term rental properties with a local resident are usually better neighbors than long term rentals.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Derrick Durban, the owner of the property, noted he is a member of the community. He further noted the form allows for comments, the property is next to a hotel, and he asked for any questions from City Council.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion the form needs to clearly designate whether a neighbor is in support or opposition of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer asked what other adjacent properties are in the area. Mr. Neal noted two of the properties are commercial.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his agreement there is a difference between a non-responsive neighbor and a no response.

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

Council Bill 2022-017. Resolution 10613 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

**EMERGENCY BILLS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.**

Council Bill 2022-032 and 2022-033 were read together.

**Accept multiple pieces of equipment: State's Homeland Security Grant Program**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-032

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept multiple pieces of equipment from the State's Homeland Security Grant Program to maintain the sustainability and operations of the Springfield Fire Department and the Homeland Security Region-D Bomb Squad, with a collective value of funding in the amount of \$40,989; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Council Bill 2022-032. Special Ordinance 27645 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Accept equipment, funds, support: SFD and Homeland Security Region-D Hazardous Materials Team**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-033

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept equipment, funds for travel and technical training, and an extension of warranty support of equipment necessary for the sustainability and operation of the Springfield Fire Department and the Homeland Security Region-D Hazardous Materials Team, with a collective value of \$23,760, from the State's Homeland Security Grant Program; amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$4,050 for the purpose of appropriating grant funds; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

David Pennington, Fire Chief provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Pennington noted the bills collectively provide for equipment acquisition from the State Homeland Security Grant Program to sustain two Homeland Security regional response teams. He further noted all equipment is to sustain current capabilities.

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

Council Bill 2022-033. Special Ordinance 27646 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

**GRANTS.**

**AMENDED BILLS.**

**COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

**FIRST READING BILLS. Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.**

**Memorandum of Understanding: Support of Firefighter Apprenticeship Program**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-034

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Office of Workforce Development, for the support of the Firefighter Apprenticeship Program.

David Pennington, Fire Chief provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Pennington noted the bill supports the Firefighter Apprenticeship Program through the Department of Labor. He further noted individuals would enter a pre-apprenticeship program where they are vetted and then placed appropriately in the Apprenticeship Program. Chief Pennington added there are currently 17 applicants with 54 current apprentices registered in the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson wished Chief Pennington luck with the program.

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

**Additional Grant funds: Springfield-Greene County Health Department**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-035

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement to accept additional grant funds from the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board in the amount of \$97,930 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$97,930 for the purpose of appropriating the additional grant funds.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare gave a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the ordinance would allow funds received to be used to provide shingles vaccines for individuals 60 years of age and older.

Councilwoman Romine asked if the funds are for the shingles vaccine only. Ms. Towns answered affirmatively.

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

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

**Appeared**

Seth Goodwin addressed City Council. Mr. Goodwin noted he is a member of the party for Socialism and Liberation. He further noted 60% of individuals in Springfield are renters, 23% live in poverty, rent has increased, and an average of 500 live in homelessness. He added this is higher than St. Louis county. Mr. Goodwin noted the deterioration of sidewalks, condemned properties, and the lack of efficient public

transportation. He questioned the use of funds available to the City and who is in control of these funds.

**Did not Appear** Gloria Shelburn did not appear to address City Council.

**Appeared** Victoria Mathis addressed City Council. Ms. Mathis spoke in opposition to the new City Flag. She expressed her belief the compass rose design goes back to the Bible and refers to scattering the dust of your enemies to the points of the compass rose. She referred to the flag as a symbol of death and destruction and not a good representation of the City of Springfield.

**Did not Appear** Gerald Keim did not appear to address City Council.

**Appeared** David Nokes addressed City Council. Mr. Nokes noted leaders set the priority of the City. He disagreed with the premise of Council Bill 2021-052 being Springfield is systemically racist. Mr. Nokes cited 2019 listed priorities for Springfield noting systemic racism did not make the priority list. He noted an 18 member panel on racism is to submit findings in March 2022.

**Appeared** Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens noted the amount of money used to enable individuals to use their vehicles for transportation. Mr. Havens expressed his request American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1.6 million dollars, to be matched by City Utilities be used to provide free public transportation to all citizens for four years.

**Did not Appear** Darryl Baker did not appear to address City Council.

**The following item appeared on the agenda under New Business.**

**Referred** Refer the issue of clean air and environmental protection to the Community Involvement Committee.

**Referred** Refer the issue of requiring recipients of real property tax abatement pursuant to the City's Workable Program to pay prevailing wages to contractors or subcontractors performing labor on associated projects to the Community Involvement Committee.

Councilman Ollis asked how the topics come to be referred. Mr. Gage noted individual council members can bring topics to be referred to committee. The issues are not necessarily part of Council Priority.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked how items are prioritized. Mr. Gage noted staff will follow up on items presented by a council member. Mr. Simpson expressed his belief a councilmember can bring issues to be heard, but wants to ensure items are prioritized.

Councilwoman Romine objected to the issue being referred to the committee.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked if a committee can decide to pursue an issue or not. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief a council member should be able to bring an issue to committee or City Council. Mr. Hosmer noted most issues on the agenda are development, but social issues should also be reviewed.

Councilman Ollis noted most of council time is spent on planning issues and most issues reviewed come from the community.

Councilman Lear expressed his belief issues should go through a committee. Mr. Lear noted development addresses poverty by providing jobs. He further expressed his belief the Comprehensive Plan be addressed first.

Councilwoman Romine expressed her belief the issues should be heard and withdrew her objection.

Councilman McGull noted council does have a structure to prioritize issues within the City's Comprehensive Plan. He added utilizing the committees more to address issues is preferred and may increase once the pandemic has subsided.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his belief City Council addresses poverty now and addressing the Comprehensive Plan first will free time to review other issues.

**Referred**

Refer the issue of adopting a local business preference program for City contracts to the Community Involvement Committee.

Councilman Ollis asked if there is a preference program on the books. Mayor McClure and Mr. Gage answered affirmatively and questioned if it is necessary to revisit the program.

Councilman Hosmer clarified the issue in question is should there be a better local preference for the City.

**Records  
Destruction**

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.**

**CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.**



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

**License agreement with Environmental Works, Inc: maintaining monitoring wells**

Sponsor: Romine. Council Bill 2022-026

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a license agreement with Environmental Works, Inc., for the purpose of installing and maintaining monitoring wells on public property at 2750 West Kearney to monitor groundwater conditions, at no cost to the City.

Council Bill 2022-026. Special Ordinance 27647 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Hickory Hills Phase III**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-027

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 Hickory Hills Phase III, generally located at 3908, 3972, and 4038 East Woodhue Lane, 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 2022-027. Special Ordinance 27648 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**License Agreement to Use Public Right-of-Way with O'Reilly Hospitality Management: Air Vent at 430 South Avenue**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-028

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a License Agreement to Use Public Right-of-Way with O'Reilly Hospitality Management, LLC, for the purpose of allowing an encroachment onto City rights-of-way for the installation and maintenance of an air vent at 430 South Avenue, under the same terms and conditions as encroachments are permitted on City rights-of-way under Chapter 98, Article VII of the Springfield City Code.

Council Bill 2022-028. Special Ordinance 27649 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Romine, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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.

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

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk

Prepared by  
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