

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in the Forum of City Hall, was called to order.

Roll call was answered by Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and President Copeland.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Copeland, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, members approved the minutes of the March 15, 2016, regular meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

71-16 An Ordinance titled, "Vacating the first alley south of Fremont Avenue from South Limestone Street east to the first north-south intersecting alley."

21-16 An Ordinance titled, "Accepting the application for annexation of certain territory containing 8.092 acres, more or less, in Moorefield Township and commonly known as the Bruce Annexation Area to The City of Springfield, Ohio."

37-16 An Ordinance titled, "Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor."

246-04, 29-05 An Ordinance titled, "Amending Ordinance Nos. 04-280 and 05-40 to open the window of opportunity for properties to claim Community Reinvestment Area benefits and to update the title of the Community Development Department; repealing Sections 6(b) and 7(b) of Ordinance No. 05-40."

101-16 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the issuance of a purchase order for the purchase of three stainless steel dump bodies and bed covers from K.E. Rose Company for an amount not to exceed \$172,935."

☞☞☞ Next regular City Commission meeting: April 26, 2016. ☞☞☞

FIRST READING—RESOLUTION

The following legislation was presented for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

61-16 A Resolution titled, "Declaring it necessary to require the construction or reconstruction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the points identified as Section Two of *SELECTED STREETS* of the 2016 Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Program."

☞☞☞ Next regular City Commission meeting: April 26, 2016. ☞☞☞

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

55-16 An Ordinance No. 16-100 titled, "Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio, by rezoning various properties within the City of Springfield, Ohio, as identified on the attached Exhibit A."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

54-16 An Ordinance No. 16-101 titled, "Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by the amendment of Section 1121.02 which names principal uses permitted in the Commercial Highway District, and repealing existing Section 1121.02."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

87-16 An Ordinance No. 16-102 titled, "Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by the amendment of Sections 911.16 and 915.02 thereof, relative to utility connection fees on unassessed property; and repealing existing Sections 911.16 and 915.02."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

88-16 An Ordinance No. 16-103 titled, "Authorizing the issuance of a purchase order for the purchase of a portable generator from Generator Systems for an amount not to exceed \$79,464."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

34-11 An Ordinance No. 16-104 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a New Construction Senior Rental Housing Loan Agreement (NSP2 & HOME Funded; Drexel Avenue Senior Rental Housing Development) Amendment No. 6, with Neighborhood Housing Partnership Of Greater Springfield, Inc."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

85-12 An Ordinance No. 16-105 titled, "Adopting the City's Emergency Repair Program, 2016 Revision; authorizing expenditures for rehabilitation loans made in implementing the Emergency Repair Program, 2016 Revision; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director, and Community Development Director to do all things they consider necessary for and incidental to carrying out the Emergency Repair Program, 2016 Revision, and entering into loan agreements in implementing the Emergency Repair Program, 2016 Revision."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

84-12 An Ordinance No. 16-106 titled, "Adopting the City's Home Loan Program, 2016 Revision; authorizing expenditures for rehabilitation loans made in implementing the Home Loan Program - 2016 Revision; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director, and Community Development Director to do all things they consider necessary for and incidental to carrying out the Home Loan Program, 2016 Revision, and entering into loan agreements in implementing the Home Loan Program, 2016 Revision."

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

267-14 An Ordinance No. 16-107 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 26848, Amendment No. 3, between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA Bechtle Signals Project, PID No. 98859, to increase funding limits for project construction costs."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

283-15 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-108 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to accept a grant from the ODOT Congestion Mitigation, Air Quality, and Surface Transportation Fund in an amount of \$494,665 for public transit related expenses; confirming and approving any grant-related expenditures incurred from April 1, 2016, to the passage of this Ordinance; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, and the Director of Finance to do all things necessary for the acceptance of the grant and to comply with all relevant local, state, and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

102-16 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of \$81,650 Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter S.A. Note, Series 2016, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay the cost of constructing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters comprised in the 2016 Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Program at various locations throughout the City. The estimated life of the improvement is at least five years; the maximum maturity of the Bonds calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Ohio Revised Code is 20 years; but because the special assessments will be payable over a five-year period, and the Bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the collection of those special assessments. The maximum maturity of the Bonds is five years. The maximum maturity of the notes is five years, provided that their maximum maturity is one year if the notes are sold at private sale.

Emergency Ordinance No. 16-109 titled, "Providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum aggregate principal sum of \$81,650 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay the cost of constructing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters comprised in the 2016 Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Program at various locations throughout the City, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented March 24, 2016, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

86-13 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-110 titled, "Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Franklin Iron and Metal Corp. for the sale of certain scrap materials no longer needed by the City; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

103-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-111 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a 2016-2017 Drug-Use Prevention Grant in an amount up to \$45,000 from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be used for funding four officers to teach drug-use prevention education in public schools; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state, and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. O'Neill, and Copeland; Abstentions, Mr. Martin.

Yeas 5, Abstentions 1.

269-15 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-112 titled, "Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and J & J Schaegele, Inc., for the Stream Intrusion Elimination project to extend the project completion date to May 6, 2016; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

104-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-113 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cecily Beechler, dba C & G Lawn Service, for weed-cutting and lot-clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

105-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-114 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with William Miller, dba Miller's Property Service, for weed-cutting and lot-clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

106-16 Emergency Resolution No. 5928 titled, "Consenting to the reappointment of Trish George to the City Planning Board, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Martin, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

LIQUOR PERMIT

100-16 On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the report from the Administration relative to notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request for a new liquor permit for Foley Restaurant Group RFG1 Inc., dba Rapid Fired Pizza, 1200 North Bechtle Avenue, was ordered received and filed with the City Clerk and the Clerk was directed not to request a hearing, as any concerns or issues that the City might have will be addressed through the building permit and Certificate of Occupancy processes.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were ordered received and filed:

266-15 Correspondence from Ohio History Connection concerning Springfield Metallic Casket Company, 105 North Center Street and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

34-16 Minutes of the March 3, 2016, meeting of the Community Beautification Committee.

107-16 Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a request for a new liquor permit for Park Road Tavern, LLC, 2205 Park Road.

108-16 Financial reports, Quarter Investment, first quarter 2016.

109-16 Correspondence from Nicholas Jenks, 3950 South Tecumseh Road, regarding traffic concerns on North Bechtle Avenue.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

246-04, 29-05 Community Development Director Meadows addressed the South Limestone Street and Center City community reinvestment areas and the proposed amendment of the current regulations in place. Ms. Meadows stated that by amending Ordinance Nos. 04-280 and 05-40, the City will extend the window of opportunity provided to property owners within these defined areas. Property owners currently have 60 days from completion of construction to apply for the benefits of the CRA. Following passage, property owners will have ten years to apply for abatements. Abatements will not be made retroactive to the first day of the ten-year period, but from the date of approval forward to the end of the ten-year period. The abatement is given on the improved value of the property.

87-16 Mr. O'Neill referred to the increase proposed to the City's utility connection fees on unassessed property and stated that he would vote in favor of the increase. Springfield has fallen behind in assessing the value of the City's utility system in order to apply an accurate connection fee for customers who connect new water or sewer lines to the system. Going forward, the measure before the City Commission requires staff members to update assessment of the City's utility system on a regular basis.

85-12, 84-12 Ms. Meadows provided a report on the eligibility requirements for the Emergency Repair and Home Loan programs, both of which underwent 2016 revisions requiring adoption by the City Commission.

283-15 Finance Director Beckdahl stated that the funding Springfield receives from the ODOT Congestion Mitigation, Air Quality, and Surface Transportation grant will be used for rehabilitation and maintenance of the buses. One or two buses may be replaced with the funding. The City will spend no out-of-pocket money connected to this grant. He noted that another funding source provides for improvements to the bus maintenance and administration facility.

269-15 City Engineer Shanayda spoke to the Stream Intrusion Elimination Project. The work provided by J & J Schaeffel, Inc., takes place at combined sewer overflow locations along Mill Run and Buck Creek. The object is to prevent creek water from running back into the City's sanitary sewer pipelines. This backflow increases the volume of water treated at the wastewater treatment plant.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

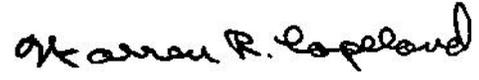
20-16 Mr. Raymond Upshaw, 325 West Liberty Street, spoke to racial inequality issues.

Mr. David Sanford, 514 Fremont Avenue, addressed the City's sidewalk program and raised questions about construction projects and the keeping of livestock within the city limits.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Handwritten signature of Karen R. Copeland in black ink.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Connie J. Chappell in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION