

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 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 Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, members approved the minutes of the September 1, 2015, 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:

18-15 An Ordinance titled, "Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor."

84-12 An Ordinance titled, "Amending Ordinance No. 12-88 by increasing the authorized expenditure for the City's HOME Loan Program to \$520,000."

Next regular City Commission meeting: October 13, 2015.

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

205-15 An Ordinance No. 15-266 titled, "Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio, by rezoning 7.7 acres at 0 Roscommon Drive, Springfield, Ohio, from RS-5, Low-Density, Single-Family Residence District, and G, Green Space, Park, and School District, to RM-12, Low-Density, Multi-Family Residence District."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

188-15 An Ordinance No. 15-267 titled, "Accepting the application for annexation of certain territory containing 11.758 acres, more or less, in Springfield Township and commonly known as the Bruce Annexation Area to The City of Springfield, Ohio."

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.

SECOND READINGS—RESOLUTIONS

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

222-15 A Resolution No. 5897 titled, "Acknowledging the retirement of Stephen P. Moody as Chief of Police, and concurring in the reappointment of Stephen P. Moody as Chief of Police."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

223-15 A Resolution No. 5898 titled, "Concurring with the appointment by the City Manager of Michael Varner to the position of Interim Chief of Police."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the resolution was adopted.

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:

234-15 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,790,000, to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, all related to improving and expanding the municipal sewage facilities. The estimated life of the usefulness of the improvements 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; the maximum maturity of the Notes is 20 years.

Emergency Ordinance No. 15-268 titled, "An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,790,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of improving and expanding the municipal sewage facilities, including the construction of a bridge to provide long-term access for construction, management, maintenance, and repair of components of the City sewage facilities, and the purchase of real estate and access easement, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented September 11, 2015, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

235-15 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,470,000, to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, all related to a recreational facility and site improvements. The estimated life of the usefulness of the Improvements 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; the maximum maturity of the Notes is October 25, 2033.

Emergency Ordinance No. 15-269 titled, "Providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,470,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs, in cooperation with the National Trail Parks and Recreation District, of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a recreational facility and providing for all related site improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented September 11, 2015, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

236-15 Emergency Ordinance No. 15-270 titled, "Confirming and approving the acceptance of a 2015-2016 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant in an amount up to \$15,543.28 and a 2015-2016 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program Grant in an amount up to \$22,371.22, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Governor's Highway Safety Office to reimburse salaries and certain fringe benefits of officers assigned to special overtime projects; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law 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 applications and to comply with all relevant local, state, and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency."

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.

157-15 Emergency Ordinance No. 15-371 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Rental Housing Loan Agreement (Flex Funded; Cedar Street and Race Street; 2015) with Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties and authorizing conveyance of the property at 233 North Race Street to Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties for redevelopment at the intersection of Cedar Street and Race Street; 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:

237-15 Emergency Resolution No. 5899 titled, "Extending support from the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, to Wittenberg University for the Health, Wellness, and Athletics Restoration and Expansion Initiative; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

LIQUOR PERMITS

229-15 On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the report from the Administration relative to notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request to transfer a liquor permit from Glenn Alan Norman, dba Break Room, 1024 West Market Street, Warren, Ohio, to Tina M. Johnson, first floor and patio, 436 Sheridan Avenue, was ordered received and filed with the City Clerk.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

230-15 On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Martin, the report from the Administration relative to notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request for a new liquor permit for Little Joe, LLC, 1220 South Center Street, was ordered received and filed with the City Clerk and a hearing requested to be held in Clark County, Ohio.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were ordered received and filed:

122-15 Minutes of the August 17, 2015, meeting of National Trail Parks and Recreation District Board.

139-15 File-stamped copy of Resolution No. 5896, dated September 16, 2015, as received by the Clark County Auditor.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

234-15 In response to Mrs. Chilton's inquiry, Finance Director Beckdahl overviewed the sewage facilities construction project for which the city would issue and sell notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,790,000. The purpose of the note issuance, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, pays the cost of improving and expanding the municipal sewage facilities, including the construction of a bridge across Buck Creek to Snyder Park to provide long-term access for construction, management, maintenance, and repair of components of the City sewage facilities located in Snyder Park, as well as the purchase of real estate and an access easement.

Service Director Moore stated that two years would be needed to complete construction of a sewer line through the old Snyder Park golf course. The line will run under Buck Creek, then parallel to the creek.

235-15 Mr. Copeland commented that five private donors will pay off the Note that financed the construction of NTPRD Chiller.

230-15 City Commissioners discussed the request for a new class of liquor permit for Little Joe, LLC, 1220 South Center Street. Discussion ensued on which type of establishment the permit would be issued for: a restaurant, bar, carryout, or convenience store. No building plans have been submitted to-date. Commissioners stressed that the establishment be a good neighbor to the surrounding residential area.

Law Director Strozdas advised that the Liquor Control Board would not issue a liquor permit until the business received a certificate of occupancy from the City. Mr. Strozdas stated that it was not practical to table the request for two weeks. The Liquor Control Board would issue a permit if the City Commission remained silent until the next meeting. A response is needed by October 5, 2015. He stated that the City Commission could not zone out liquor from a given area.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the City Commission unanimously voted to amended the City Manager's recommendation and request a hearing before the Liquor Control Board on the request for a new liquor permit.

Mr. Copeland encouraged citizens with comments or observations about activities at 1220 South Center Street to contact Police Chief Moody.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

34-15 At Mrs. Chilton's request, Police Chief Moody reported on shooting instances that resulted in fourteen shots fired. Concurrently, while officers were investigating the shootings, a 911 call was received concerning a man attempting to enter Tubman Towers. The overwhelming number of calls for emergency services at the time prevented tying this call into the shooting situation. The man attempting to gain entry at Tubman Towers was a suspect, who fled the shooting scene. Chief Moody commended citizens in the affected neighborhoods for the assistance they provided the officers.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

13-15 Ms. Laura Baxter, executive director of Project Woman, updated the City Commission on the agency's accomplishments over the last year and invited the Mayor, Commissioners, and the community to join her on the esplanade on October 8, 2015, at 7 p.m. for a candlelight vigil in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. Raymond Upshaw, 325 West Liberty Street, stated he was a nonviolent person. He spoke to the power possessed by government entities.

234-15 Mr. David Sanford, 514 Fremont Avenue, spoke in favor of the hiring of Springfield citizens for construction projects that take place within the city limits.

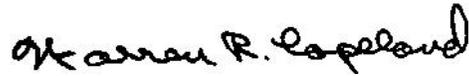
230-15 Mr. Bruce Williams, 226 Corlington Avenue, addressed Little Joe, LLC, and the business's liquor permit request. He felt the availability of liquor at this location would further the deterioration of the neighborhood. He stated that illegal activities take place inside the building.

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.



PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION