

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in the Forum of City Hall, was called to order.

Roll call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. 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 Dr. Estrop, members approved the minutes of the May 7, 2019, Executive Session, Work Session, Legislative meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. 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:

101-19 An Ordinance titled, "Vacating the first alley north of Pleasant Street from Lowry Avenue east to the first north-south intersecting alley."

149-19 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a 2019 Energized Community Grant through the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") in an amount up to \$93,660.60 to be used for implementation of energy savings or energy infrastructure measures; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement for the acceptance of said Grant; and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director and the Director of Finance to do all things necessary for the submission of the application and acceptance of the grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements."

150-19 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Synagro Central, LLC for Removal and Land Application of Bio-Solids, for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods, for an amount not to exceed \$1,202,500.00."

Next regular City Commission meeting: June 18, 2019.

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

133-19 An Ordinance No. 19-146 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Ohio ("City"), and The Board of Clark County Commissioners ("County"), in connection with the Titus Road Project."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

134-19 An Ordinance No. 19-147 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Joint Use Agreement between the City and the Clark State Community College to construct a downtown parking garage utilizing funding provided by the Ohio Board of Regents."

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

135-19 An Ordinance No. 19-148 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Option and Land Lease Agreement between the City and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the construction of a monopole communication facility at Newcomers Cemetery."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

136-19 An Ordinance No. 19-149 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Construction Services Agreement with Dugan and Meyers, LLC for the finalization of detailed design drawings and construction of the downtown parking garage for an amount not to exceed \$6,875,395.00."

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

137-19 An Ordinance No. 19-150 titled, "Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by amending Section 911.02 *Service Charge Rates*, and Section 911.04 *Bulk Water Purchases*, and repealing existing Sections 911.02 and 911.04."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

138-19 An Ordinance No. 19-151 titled, "Authorizing the Finance Director to purchase 3,960 tons of rock salt for the 2019-2020 winter season from Detroit Salt Co LLC for an amount not to exceed \$315,572.40, through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 5513.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code."

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

139-19 An Ordinance No. 19-152 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Subrecipient Funding Agreement (Norm's Place & Hartley House - 2019-2020) with Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc. to provide funding from Emergency Solutions Grant allocations, in an amount not to exceed \$127,357.00."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

140-19 An Ordinance No. 19-153 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Subrecipient Funding Agreement with SBDC, Inc. to provide administrative funds in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 to further the development of small businesses in the City for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020."

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

141-19 An Ordinance No. 19-154 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to submit the 2018 Consolidated Plan CAPER of The City of Springfield, Ohio to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

13-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-155 titled, "Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

151-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-156 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement and related Project Fund Agreement with Branch Banking and Trust Company in the principal amount of \$503,317.08 to finance the purchase of a 2020 Model AJV 1215 VacAll Sewer Washer/Vac; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, City Treasurer and Law Director to do all things they deem necessary to enter into and complete the subject lease transaction; and declaring an emergency."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

152-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-157 titled, "Authorizing the purchase of a 2020 Model AJV 1215 VacAll Sewer Washer/Vac from Southeastern Equipment Company, for an amount not to exceed \$503,317.08, through Sourcewell, pursuant to the Sourcewell Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

162-17 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-158 titled, "Confirming and approving Change Order No. 5 to the contract between the City and Moody's of Dayton, Inc. for the Well/Pump Cleaning and Rehabilitation Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$26,641.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,662,667.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 5; and declaring an emergency."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

153-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-159 titled, "Authorizing the issuance of a purchase order for the purchase of four screw pump bearings from Vandezande BVBA for an amount not to exceed \$66,500.00; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

87-08 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-160 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewal contract with Superior Dental Care, Inc. to provide for dental insurance coverage for City employees for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; authorizing the expenditures related thereto; finding a real and present emergency pursuant to Section 145.02 of the City's Codified Ordinances; and declaring an emergency."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

139-18 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-161 titled, "Authorizing the City to retain membership in The Ohio Benefits Cooperative, Inc. ("OBC") regional council of governments, to participate in its OBC Medical Purchasing Cooperative and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, Director of Finance and Personnel Director to do all things necessary for compliance with OBC By-Laws and the Jefferson Health Plan Agreement ("JHP"), all to provide medical and prescription drug coverage benefits for the City's employees; authorizing expenditures necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under the said By-Laws and JHP agreement; and declaring an emergency."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

154-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-162 titled, "Securing to The City of Springfield, Ohio, the benefits of the Omnia Partners Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

155-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-163 titled, "Authorizing the purchase of 500 G Suite Business Licenses and support from Onix Networking Corp., for an amount not to exceed \$64,925.00, through Omnia Partners, pursuant to the Omnia Partners Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

156-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-164 titled, "Creating blanket, tiered participation guidelines and authorization for the Springfield Police Department to obtain, at no cost, supplies and equipment through the 1033 Department of Defense program; and declaring an emergency."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

157-19 An Emergency Resolution No. 6053 titled, "Strongly urging the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels."

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

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

COMMUNICATION

The following communication was received and filed:

80-19 File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 80-19 filed with the Clark County Auditor and Recorder.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

149-19 Dr. Estrop spoke on the State's reductions in alternative energy incentives and added he hoped the Energized Community Grant through NOPEC can be used for local businesses and the city to save on energy costs. City

Manager Heck stated the grant is intended for energy-related projects at city-owned facilities. Mr. Heck introduced Ms. Logan Cobbs who is the new Assistant to the City Manager and working on the grant application.

Ms. Cobbs reviewed possible projects eligible for funding by the grant such as lighting, heating and air conditioning, solar panels, and traffic signals.

136-19 Dr. Estrop asked for a review of the downtown parking garage project and the funding sources. Mr. Heck stated Clark County has provided \$1 million, Clark State holds \$2.55 million from the State of Ohio, and the city will provide \$3.3 million for the project. The three-level garage will have 305 spaces with up to three retail spaces along Fountain Avenue. The main entrances will be from Fisher and Columbia streets with mural art on the west side. Construction could begin in early July with an eight and one-half month building period.

Mr. O'Neill asked if a management company will manage the rental and maintenance of the structure. Mr. Heck replied the next step is to determine of the operation of the facility. The rentals are expected to help offset the expense of the building maintenance.

Mr. Rue asked for clarification of the overall size of the garage property. Mr. Heck stated the lot size is from Main Street south to the Hull Plaza's property.

Mr. Copeland commented the parking garage is for those who work downtown and those who are going to the shops and restaurants. He added the existing parking garage is reaching its end of availability.

137-19 Mrs. Chilton asked for clarification on the proposed water rate increase. Finance Director Beckdahl explained the increase in rates covers the extensive work on the city's utility infrastructure. He added that some areas of utility lines were over 100 years old. Springfield's water rates are proposed to increase 4 percent on July, 2019; 10 percent on January 1, 2020; and 10 percent on January 1, 2021. Current rates are among the lowest in the Miami Valley.

Mr. O'Neill clarified the increase is for the water rate only, not the sewer rate; Mr. Beckdahl agreed.

Mrs. Chilton asked Mr. Beckdahl to explain the difference in water and sewer rates on the utility bills. Mr. Beckdahl explained water usage is measured through the meter; sewer usage cannot be measured and is a flat rate to cover the costs of the wastewater treatment plant and infrastructure.

Dr. Estrop asked how the city's rates rank in comparison with neighboring communities. Mr. Beckdahl stated the city's water rates are in the bottom quarter and the sewer rates are in the bottom third in comparison with other similar communities in the Miami Valley.

138-19 Dr. Estrop asked how long the requested supply of 3,960 tons of rock salt lasts. Service Director Moore indicated there is typically 560 tons of salt leftover after an average winter.

141-19 Dr. Estrop thanked the Community Development Department for the work put into the 2018 Consolidated Plan CAPER for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

151-19 Dr. Estrop asked for a description of the VacAll Sewer Washer/Vac requested for purchase. Mr. Moore explained the vehicle is a combination unit to replace two separate vehicles that both washes and vacuums large utility lines. The unit also reuses water saving the need to refill the washer at a hydrant. The goal is to reduce the number of vehicles from four to three. Mr. Moore added all lines are cleaned every four years.

153-19 Upon request, Mr. Moore explained the screw pump bearings needed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant are 40 feet long and weigh 8 tons each. A replacement screw pump was purchased earlier in 2019 when one failed. The requested purchase would replace the bearings in the other two pumps which are the same age as other previously failed pump. If two failed at the same time, the operation would be in violation of the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations.

154-19 Mrs. Chilton asked for additional information on the Omni Partners Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program. Mr. Beckdahl stated this purchasing cooperative had changed its name requiring new legislation; use of the cooperative allows the city to purchase Google Email licenses for the organization.

156-19 Mrs. Chilton asked Police Chief Graf to explain the 1033 Department of Defense program and its benefits to the Police Division. Chief Graf stated that surplus equipment is often available, and the free items are claimed quickly. Authorization to use this program will allow Police Division staff to acquire equipment when it is available.

157-19 Mrs. Chilton asked Mr. Heck to explain the changes in Local Government Funds received from the state. Mr. Heck stated the city received \$3.1 million in Local Government Funds in 2007, but only received \$1.6 million in 2017. This amount does not include the loss of other funding sources.

Mr. Copeland added the previous governor reduced funding to governmental bodies including counties and townships. Cities are asking for the amounts to be restored as the economy is better. Mr. Copeland stated that he would be meeting with the mayors of Ohio's 30 largest cities who support the restoration of the Local Government Fund.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

4-19 Mr. Copeland read a proclamation proclaiming June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Springfield. Mr. Copeland also remembered the recent shooting victims in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

4-19 Mr. Bob Hulsizer, 1909 West Washington Street, spoke on reporting a nearby property on West Washington Street to both Code Enforcement related to vehicle demolition operations and the Health Department related

to people living in the house without running water. Mr. Hulsizer indicated the Health Department considered the property uninhabitable. The Police Division and Code Enforcement were at the property earlier on this date.

Community Development Director Meadows thanked Mr. Hulsizer for reporting the situation and encouraged citizens to call the Code Enforcement Division when they have a concern. Mrs. Meadows added that many cases are complex and require coordination with other departments and agencies.

4-19 Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, stated grant fund allocations should be published to indicate how much is received and where it will be used. Mr. Copeland replied that a significant amount of money is earmarked for the low-income neighborhoods.

Mr. Sanford also asked if residents are required to test their water for lead pipes inside their homes. Mr. Moore explained the water testing for lead pipes is completely voluntary. City staff cannot enter a home to test water without the owner's permission. Staff can identify lead present in the plumbing based on the pipes at the curb stop.

4-19 Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire Court, spoke on not comparing the city to other areas of the Miami Valley. He also spoke on the leaders of Springfield empowering the citizens and urged everyone to be good to their neighbors.



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m..

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION