

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, July 2, 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 Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, members approved the minutes of the June 4, 2019, Work Session, Public Hearing, and Legislative meetings 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:

145-19 An Ordinance titled, "Approving an amendment to the existing CC-2A Shopping Center Plan for 24.89 acres located at 1500 Hillcrest Avenue comprised of parcel 3300600006300015 to allow for construction of a new restaurant on the subject development."

146-19 An Ordinance titled, "Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.07 acres at 1305 Lexington Avenue, Springfield, Ohio from RS-8, Medium-Density, Single-Family Residence District to CC-2, Community Commercial District."

147-19 An Ordinance titled, "Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.17 acres at 601-603 West North Street, Springfield, Ohio from RS-8, Medium-Density, Single-Family Residence District to CN-2, Neighborhood Commercial District."

168-19 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Ohio ("City") and East College Professionals, LLC ("Enterprise")."

169-19 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing a contribution to the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic and Urban Engagement at Wittenberg University ("Hagen Center") in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the development and maintenance of a Community Dashboard."

109-19 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the acceptance of donations in support of CultureFest 2019."

170-19 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network ("Ohio WARN") to share resources and to assist each other in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and supplies in the event of emergencies that disrupt utility services."

☺☺☺ Next regular City Commission meeting: July 16, 2019. ☺☺☺

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

132-19 An Ordinance No. 19-178 titled, "Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 4.33 acres at 4440 Laybourne Road, Springfield, Ohio from Springfield Township A, Agricultural District to CH-1, Highway Commercial District."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

159-19 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$145,000 (the "Notes"), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping improvements at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport and providing for all related site improvements, including the construction of new hangars and taxilanes, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvement"). The estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement is at least five years. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, at least twenty (20) years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of the notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of Bonds. The maximum maturity of the Notes is July 21, 2036, which is two hundred forty (240) months from July 21, 2016, the date of issuance of the original note issued for this purpose.

An Ordinance No. 19-1179 titled, "Providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$145,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping improvements at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport and providing for all related site improvements, including the construction of new hangars and taxilanes, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto."

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.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented June 10, 2019, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

102-19 An Ordinance No. 19-180 titled, "Amending Ordinance No. 19-134 to amend the commencement date of a Motor Vehicle License Tax pursuant to Section 4504.173 of the Ohio Revised Code."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

RESOLUTIONS

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

171-19 A Resolution No. 6056 titled, "Accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council for Enterprise Zone agreements and Community Reinvestment Area agreements."

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the resolution was adopted.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

172-19 A Resolution No. 6057 titled, "Reappointing Shirley Campbell to the Civil Service Commission."

On motion of Mr. Rue, 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.

173-19 A Resolution No. 6058 titled, "Reappointing Bradley Miner to the Historic Landmarks Commission."

On motion of Mr. Rue, 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.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

13-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-181 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. O'Neill, the ordinance passed.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

14-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-182 titled, "Providing for Supplemental Appropriations within various funds; 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.

174-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-183 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") for Enterprise Resource Planning ("ERP") consulting services in connection with the replacement of financial software, for an amount not to exceed \$158,500.00; 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.

175-19 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$412,000 (the "Notes"), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the municipal water system, including replacing water lines, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvement"). The estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement is at least five (5) years. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is at least thirty (30) years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of the notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of Bonds. The maximum maturity of the Notes is two hundred forty (240) months.

An Ordinance No. 19-184 titled, "Providing for the issuance of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$412,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the municipal water system, including replacing water lines, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto; 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.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented June 14, 2019, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

176-19 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$164,000 (the "Notes"), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the municipal sewer system, including replacing sanitary sewer lines, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvement"). The estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement is at least five (5) years. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is at least thirty (30) years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of the notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of Bonds. The maximum maturity of the Notes is two hundred forty (240) months.

An Ordinance No. 19-185 titled, "Providing for the issuance of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$164,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the municipal sewer system, including replacing sanitary sewer lines, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto; 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.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented June 14, 2019, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

177-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-186 titled, "Authorizing the release of easements in relation to the property located at 2321 Saint Paris Pike and commonly known as the "Sayer Property;" 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.

178-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-187 titled, "Authorizing the purchase of two Stryker Power Pro XT Cots with mounting and loading systems from Stryker, for an amount not to exceed \$81,269.76, through the Savvik Buying Group Purchasing Cooperative in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

179-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-188 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Billing Service Agreement with AccuMed Billing, Inc. for Medical Billing Services and Accounts Receivable Activities, for a period of five (5) years with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods, for an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00; 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.

180-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-189 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Clark State Community College to provide supplemental police services; authorizing the City Manager, Director of Finance, Law Director and Chief of Police to do all things necessary and execute all documents they deem necessary to implement the said Agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; confirming and approving services provided up to the passage of this Ordinance; 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.

181-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-190 titled, "Authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 to obtain certified treatment program services from the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark, Greene & Madison Counties, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.191; confirming and approving any related expenditures incurred from July 1, 2019 to the passage of this ordinance; 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.

182-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-191 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Non-Residential Misdemeanant Subsidy Grant Agreement for FY 2020 and FY 2021 Community Based Corrections Programs by and between the City and the State of Ohio, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services, Bureau of Community Sanctions to accept a grant providing funding up to an amount of \$307,584.00 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, for the operation of a Community-Based Corrections Program by the Clark County Municipal Court; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Court Administrator of the Municipal Court to do all things necessary to implement said Subsidy Grant Agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; 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.

183-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-192 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Emergency Construction Contract with A & B Asphalt Corporation for the ramp repair at Spectra Jet at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport for an amount not to exceed \$86,508.26; 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.

207-18 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-193 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Associated Excavating, Inc. for the Northern Heights Water and Sewer Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,042,938.25; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

266-14a An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-194 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the CLA Belmont Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 Project, PID No. 94814, Rebid for an amount not to exceed \$2,611,169.37; 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.

266-14b An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-195 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission, to obtain funding in the amount of \$485,114.00 for the CLA - Belmont Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 Project, PID No. 94814; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, Finance Director and City Engineer to do all things they consider necessary for the execution and performance of the Grant Agreement; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

269-16 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-196 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Crime Laboratory Use Agreement by and among the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Board of Clark County Commissioners and the City of Springfield, for the purpose of continuing operation of a functional, staffed crime lab for Law Enforcement use; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

168-19 Mr. O'Neill asked for additional details on the Enterprise Zone Agreement with East College Professionals. City Manager Heck responded the organization plans a \$665,000 investment at the former school board property on East College Avenue with a tax abatement of 60 percent for 10 years.

169-19 Mrs. Chilton requested additional information on the Community Dashboard project by Wittenberg University. Mr. Heck explained the project is a research website created by Wittenberg University staff and students to collect data on development, housing, and other topics then analyze the data against local, state and national trends.

170-19 Dr. Estrop asked for additional details on the Mutual Aid Agreement with Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. Mr. Heck stated the state-wide cooperative allows for shared services of staff and equipment if an area has a utility disruption due to natural disaster or localized emergency.

159-19 Dr. Estrop spoke on the needed improvements proposed for the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport. He added the existing hangars are fully rented with a waiting list, and the airport supports the area in economic development efforts.

102-19 Mrs. Chilton asked about the need to amend the Vehicle License Tax commencement date, and also asked if it is related to the gasoline tax increase on July 1.. Mr. Heck explained the original ordinance authorized collection of a license registration fee of \$5 to begin on July 1, 2019, but the state's legislation allowed for collection starting January 1, 2020. The gasoline tax is a separate statewide tax.

Mr. O'Neill asked if the additional \$5 collected stays local, and Mr. Heck stated that it is collected for the city's use only.

171-19 Dr. Estrop spoke on the Tax Incentive Review Council's recommendations on Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area agreements. Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs stated the Council recommended to continue all agreements currently in place as they are all in good standing. Fourteen residential agreements were considered and one commercial agreement was amended to residential.

14-19 Dr. Estrop asked Finance Director Beckdahl for additional information on the need for supplemental appropriations. Mr. Beckdahl explained departments may have unexpected expenses and require additional appropriations for the balance of the fund year.

174-19 Dr. Estrop asked for details on the services expected from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) related to purchasing new financial software. Mr. Beckdahl stated the existing financial software package is more than 22 years old and not fully supported by the vendor. GFOA assists throughout the entire selection and installation process.

Mr. Rue spoke on the need for new software and asked for an estimated timeline for replacement. Mr. Beckdahl stated the project may take three years to fully complete. Commissioners agreed the outdated financial software needs replaced.

175-19 and 176-19 Dr. Estrop asked where the water and sewer line upgrades were planned as they related to the requested bond financing. Mr. Heck stated the utility upgrades are planned for the Northern Heights area.

177-19 Mr. Rue asked for additional information on the proposed release of easements for 2321 Saint Paris Pike. Mr. Heck explained when commercial development occurred on the north end of Bechtle Avenue, protections were put in place for the former Sayer property to preserve the residential use and provide a buffer between the commercial area and the residential neighborhood. The property has been empty and fallen into disrepair. A developer wishes to market the property and return it to a restored residence without easements. The greenspace easements would remain in place.

178-19 Dr. Estrop requested more information on the proposed cots for the Fire Division. Fire Chief Miller explained the powered cots would help lift patients into ambulances with reduced back strain for emergency personnel and provide a better ride for the patient.

179-19 Dr. Estrop asked if multiple proposals were received for medical billing services. Mr. Heck stated that a team of various staff members reviewed the proposals received and AccuMed Billing was selected. Chief Miller added collections issues were ongoing with the existing vendor resulting in loss of revenue per transport.

181-19 Mrs. Chilton asked if the treatment program services proposed from the Mental Health & Recovery Board were related to the Municipal Court, and Mr. Heck confirmed the Municipal Court would use their services for substance abuse treatment programs.

182-19 Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the Non-Residential Misdemeanant Subsidy Grant Agreement. Mr. Heck explained the state funding would be used by the Municipal Court for various programs for up to two years.

207-18 Mrs. Chilton commented that many residents in the Northern Heights area are concerned about street conditions. Mr. Heck explained the utility work would be completed ahead of the street repairs following in a future year. City Engineer Leo Shanayda added the utility work would begin July 2019 and be completed by mid-November 2019.

269-16 Mr. O'Neill commented the local Crime Lab is a very good collaboration among various agencies that works well.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

4-19 Mrs. Chilton announced that citizens interested in serving on the Historic Landmarks Commission should apply to fill vacant seats.

Mrs. Chilton also announced the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Snyder Park Splash Pad. Police Chief Graf added these events are held across the United States promoting safety within the local communities.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

4-19 Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire, spoke on the diversity of the Springfield's residents, the spray park in Snyder Park, the need for similar spray parks in areas where children do not have transportation, and residents caring about one another.

4-19 Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, spoke on minority hiring issues within the City, unfair code enforcement practices, discrimination, and nepotism.

4-19 Mr. Michael Morris spoke on recent successes in the city, the need for proactive code enforcement to keep properties from neglect and disrepair, and previously updated downtown streetscape showing its age.

In response, Dr. Estrop spoke on the collaborative Comprehensive Housing Study of the city's residential neighborhoods. One of the Commission's adopted goals is continued code enforcement efforts. Dr. Estrop also thanked residents for voting for the income tax levy. A portion of the additional income has been used to add two new Code Enforcement officers.

Mr. Rue stated that the government processes take longer than a business. Code enforcement is an issue discussed and adopted the past two years of the City Commission's goals.

Mr. Copeland noted that regardless of which area the City begins to target with code enforcement efforts, residents feel the city is picking on them.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

158-19 File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 19-168 as filed with the Clark County Auditor.

161-19 File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 19-170 as filed with the Clark County Auditor.



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Handwritten signature of Karen R. Copeland in black ink.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Jill R. Pierce in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION