

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, July 16, 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 Mr. Rue, members approved the minutes of the June 18, 2019, Executive Session, Work Session, Public Hearings and Legislative Meeting as presented.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

## **SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**145-19** An Ordinance No. 19-197 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."

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.

**146-19** An Ordinance No. 19-198 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."

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.

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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.

**168-19** An Ordinance No. 19-200 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")."

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.

**169-19** An Ordinance No. 19-201 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."

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.

**109-19** An Ordinance No. 19-202 titled, "Authorizing the acceptance of donations in support of CultureFest 2019."

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.

**170-19** An Ordinance No. 19-203 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."

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:

**14-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-204 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.

**242-18** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-205 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Project Loan Agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission, to obtain funding in the amount of \$551,000.00 for the Northern Heights Water and Sewer Replacement Project; 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 Project Loan 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.

## COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

**4-19** Mr. Rue reported complaints of parking issues along Fountain Avenue near the parking garage construction area where parked vehicles exceed the 30-minute limitation.

**4-19** Mrs. Chilton announced the Clark County Combined Health District may issue heat advisories related to the forecasted high temperatures. Information on cooling centers and safety tips may be found on the city's website and by calling the City Manager's Office.

**5-17** Dr. Estrop reported concerns related to the Clark County Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the amended version of improvements of Derr Road moving to a five-lane configuration from a proposed three-lane option. Citizens were not in favor of the three-lane option. Dr. Estrop stated the minutes of the most recent TCC Board meeting that he attended with Mrs. Chilton left out important facts which will not accurately reflect the history of the questions raised and options discussed. Dr. Estrop added that he is concerned with the TCC and TCC executive director's pattern of poor cooperation with other agencies. He added that he would continue to keep the City Commission and citizens informed about transportation matters.

Mrs. Chilton added the issue is not settled nor complete, and the items of discussion not in the minutes of the TCC Board need to be considered.

Mr. Rue commented that he attended the TCC Board meetings and supports the two commissioner representatives and their concerns.

Mr. O'Neill added the City Commissioners have listened to the citizens' concerns and know what is best for their citizens.

## COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

**4-19** Mr. Alexander Huhn of the American Heart Association presented the Mission Lifeline Silver Quality Achievement Award to the Springfield Fire Rescue Division for their quality of care for heart attack patients. Mr. Huhn stated that Springfield is one of 99 agencies receiving an award out of 13,000+ agencies in Ohio.

Fire Chief Miller accepted the award on behalf of the Fire Rescue personnel and thanked the Springfield Regional Hospital for their cooperative efforts in caring for the patients.

Mr. Copeland stated the people of Springfield are proud of the Springfield firefighters and paramedics and appreciate the work they do.

**4-19** Mrs. Patricia Casey, 231 West Southern, spoke on fireworks and a gathering of 250 to 300 people in her neighborhood on July 4, 2019. She contacted the Police and was told they had already been contacted, but she did not see Police respond. She also stated the people were throwing fireworks at parked cars which prompted a second call to Police. She stated that she was concerned about her family's security and the neighborhood. Mrs. Casey added that she heard possession of fireworks were to be become legal.

Mr. Copeland requested Police Chief Graf speak with Mrs. Casey following the meeting.

Mr. Rue stated that a similar gathering of people with fireworks in the Mason Street area.

Chief Miller confirmed consumer-grade fireworks would be legalized by the State of Ohio, not by local regulations.

**4-19** Mr. Walt Myers, 301 North Greenmount, spoke on the recent pallet fire on Warder Street that he initially reported and also called a second time to let them know the area would be difficult to reach. He commented that he had been told there was limited water supply, but he felt the fire personnel was not putting water on the fire as needed. Mr.

Myers added the electricity in the areas was lost approximately 45 minutes into the fire. Mr. Myers stated that he felt the work done by firefighters was inefficient in putting out the fire. Ohio Edison crews arrived the next day and restored power.

Chief Miller stated there were approximately three acres of wood pallets stored on the property. He indicated that work done on a fire scene takes much longer to complete than it appears. Access to the property was difficult and it took a long time to lay the hose at the scene. Chief Miller stated that he was proud of the efforts made by Fire personnel.

**4-19** Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire, spoke on the diversity of Springfield's south side population and the need to prioritize efforts for businesses and activities for children such as a splash park. Mr. Williams mentioned that young children play well together until the parents become involved. Mr. Williams stated that he wants to see Springfield grow, not go backward.

Dr. Estrop spoke on a report for redevelopment that will focus on the south side of Springfield is expected in September 2019. A comprehensive housing report is expected in August. Dr. Estrop invited Mr. Williams and other interested citizens to join in the discussion of these reports.

Mr. Copeland stated the South Limestone Street Corridor study was completed and staff is involved making sure the state follows through with their commitments to that area.

**4-19** Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs, spoke on houses being torn down on the south side that may have been repaired instead. He stated the south side has been overlooked for years and also commented on code violations that are not addressed.

Mr. Copeland stated the demolition of vacant houses provides value to the neighborhood. He indicated that demolition is not enough, but is a first step in removing the older houses and buildings that bring down the values of the area's homes.

**4-19** Mr. Michael Gilbert, South Limestone, spoke on his court date versus the State Ohio, Springfield City Area Transit, and the City Police Division on August 15, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Court Building in front of Judge Moody. Mr. Gilbert described his charges of criminal trespassing and resisting arrest from an event at the bus stop located at the corner of High and Main streets. Witnesses may contact Mr. Gilbert's attorney, Regina Richards.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

- 51-19** Minutes of the June 10, 2019, National Trail Parks and Recreation District 2020 Tax Budget Public Hearing and Board Meeting.
- 121-19** Quarterly Investment Report, Second Quarter, 2019.
- 130-19** Minutes of the June 6, 2019, Community Beautification Committee meeting.
- 130-19** Copy of the Community Beautification Committee's 2020 Plan of Work and Budget Request as submitted to the Finance Department.
- 175-19** File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 19-184 as filed with the Clark County Auditor.
- 176-19** File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 19-195 as filed with the Clark County Auditor.
- 185-19** Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a request for a new liquor permit for St. Paris Petroleum LLC, 1242 St. Paris Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504.
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There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 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