

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

September 24, 2019

6:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, Rue and President Copeland. City Manager Heck, Law Director Allen, and Finance Director Beckdahl.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, were:

1. Mayor Copeland welcomed Ms. Nicole Sage, a German language teacher from Springfield High School. Ms. Sage introduced a group of students visiting from Germany and participating in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) along with their local host families German teacher Uta described the GAPP program and listed many of the local places of interest enjoyed by the visiting group during their three-week stay. Ms. Böttcher also presented a gift to Mayor Copeland.

German student Jonas Fedelinski also spoke on the student exchange, his experience in Springfield, and the similarities and differences among American and German students.

Mr. Copeland thanked the students for attending the meeting and spoke of visiting Lutherstadt, Wittenberg, Germany, several times.

2. Dr. Estrop read a proclamation proclaiming September 27, 2019, as New Shoes Day in Springfield. Accepting the proclamation was Kris Horlacher, founder and executive director of Shoes 4 the Shoeless. This organization provides new tennis shoes and socks to children in many locations and would be presenting their 100,000th pair of shoes to a Springfield student this week. Also present was Ashley Wilson, Lead Nurse of Springfield City Schools, who organized the distribution of shoes for children in the Springfield City School District utilizing countless volunteers.
3. Mrs. Chilton read a proclamation proclaiming September 29, 2019, as World Heart Day in Springfield. Accepting the proclamation was Dr. Surender Neravetla, a vascular surgeon in Springfield. Dr. Neravetla thanked the city commissioners and spoke on the quality of Springfield Regional Hospital's heart care program which is one of only two programs recognized by *Consumer Reports*.

4. State Representative Kyle Koehler introduced Mr. Joe Braden of State Auditor Keith Faber's Office. Mr. Braden presented Finance Director Beckdahl and the City of Springfield staff with an Auditor of State Award with Distinction. This award is only given to 4 percent of the 6,000 entities who must file annual financial reports for audit. Mr. Beckdahl accepted the award on behalf of all city staff.

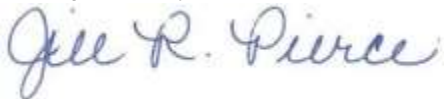
On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Adj. 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill R. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission