

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, October 22, 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 President 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 October 8, 2019, 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:

221-19 An Ordinance No. 19-266 titled, "Vacating a portion of the right-of-way in front of 101 South Fountain Avenue."

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.

204-19 An Ordinance No. 19-267 titled, "Vacating the first alley east of Lowry Avenue from Fair Street south to the first intersecting alley."

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.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

13-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-268 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.

186-11 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-269 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment F - Modification #2 to the Project Engineering Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for the Erie Interceptor Express Sewer Design contract to reallocate funds among project phases; 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.

231-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-270 titled, "Amending certain provisions of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes; 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.

232-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-271 titled, "Authorizing the purchase of office furniture and equipment from FriendsOffice, for an amount not to exceed \$102,687.22, through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, pursuant to Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Act in accordance with the provisions of Section 125.04 of the Ohio Revised Code; 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.

234-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-272 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with and between The City of Springfield, Ohio and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (FOP/OLC), for the Communications Operators; directing the implementation and performance of the provisions of such agreement; 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.

LIQUOR PERMITS

228-19 On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the administration's report relative to notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request to transfer a liquor permit from Canus Hospitality LLC, 383 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio 45505 to Harris Bar & Grill LLC, 383 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio 45505, was ordered received and filed with the City Clerk.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

229-19 On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the administration's report relative to notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request to transfer a liquor permit from Kenco Enterprises Inc., dba Cold Spot, 2528 Columbus Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45503 to 4 Awes LLC, 2528 Columbus Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45503, was ordered received and filed with the City Clerk.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

221-19 and 204-19 Staff confirmed there were no objections to either right-of-way vacation request in response to Dr. Estrop's question.

231-19 Mr. O'Neill asked for additional information on the proposed amendments to the Traffic and General Offenses sections of the Codified Ordinances. Law Director Allen explained the proposed changes were prepared by the city's Codified Ordinance publisher to make local law consistent with adopted state laws since last year's update.

Mrs. Chilton asked if there were any proposed changes that citizens should be aware are new in the codes. Mrs. Allen stated there was one provision pertaining to distracted driving proposed for several sections of the Springfield codes. The particular provision would be an enhanced offense in cases involving a driver charged for a traffic violation where distracted driving such as cell phone usage is involved but is not a standalone offense. Exceptions exists for drivers using a cell phone in an emergency or via a hands-free device.

232-19 Mr. Rue asked about the requested furniture and equipment purchase. Finance Director Beckdahl explained the proposed items would be utilized at the Service Center to accommodate the Engineering staff's relocation to that building.

234-19 Mr. Copeland stated his appreciation for the collective bargaining units who are willing to negotiate new contracts with the city.

228-19 Mrs. Chilton asked for clarification on the location of a liquor permit request for the Harris Bar & Grill. Acting City Manager Hicks indicated the establishment is located inside the Quality Inn on Leffel Lane.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

4-19 Mrs. Chilton read a proclamation proclaiming October 2019 as Spina Bifida Awareness Month in Springfield. Accepting the proclamation was Mrs. Kristy Thome and her son, Sebastian.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

4-19 Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire Court, spoke on his involvement with the Neighborhood Enhancement Plan and the need to build a foundation for the needs of the neighborhood. Mr. Williams stated his concern for all of Springfield, not just certain neighborhoods.

4-19 Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, spoke his concerns for homes available at a low purchase price but needs high dollar renovation and repair. Mr. Sanford also spoke on crossing guards at local schools.

Mr. Copeland explained the city is not responsible for the activities at the city schools, but appreciate those who assist the children in the crosswalks. Mr. Copeland stated one of the goals of the Neighborhood Enhancement Plan is to raise the values of neighborhood homes over time and improve the market for home sales.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

51-19 Minutes of the September 9, 2019, meeting of the National Trail Parks and Recreation Board.

230-19 Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit transfer request from VSI Operations LLC dba Che's Rustic Louse, 1150 Bechtle Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45504, to VSI Operations LLC dba Che's Rustic Lounge, 745 North Bechtle Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45504.

233-19 Public Hearing Notification from the Springfield Township Board of Appeals on a variance for property located at 1380 Darien Lane, Springfield Township.



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Handwritten signature of Karan R. Copeland in black ink.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Jill R. Pierce in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION