

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, December 10, 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. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the November 26, 2019, Work Session and 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:

250-19 An Ordinance titled, "Vacating the first alley west of Scott Street from Selma Road north to the intersecting alley and the first alley north of Selma Road from Scott Street west 125' to the terminus."

205-18 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Majors Enterprises, Inc. for the Broadway Reconstruction Project for an amount not to exceed \$2,892,346.00."

Next regular City Commission meeting: December 19, 2019.

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

256-19 An Ordinance No. 19-289 titled, "To amend Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, for the purpose of reorganizing the Engineering Department as a function of the Service Department by repealing and replacing certain chapters and sections."

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.

257-19 An Ordinance No. 19-290 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, and Finance Director to do all things necessary to settle a claim with Edwin Cogar & Dianne Cogar for the expense incurred as a result of deterioration to their driveway, located in the vicinity of 5866 Springfield-Xenia Road; and authorizing the Director of Finance to make payment to Edwin Cogar & Dianne Cogar in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as and for said deterioration."

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

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

Yeas 4, Nays 1.

258-19 An Ordinance No. 19-291 titled, "Authorizing the payment of up to \$66,600.00 to The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio, to obtain planning services from Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee ("TCC") for the 2020 calendar year."

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.

274-18 An Ordinance No. 19-292 titled, "Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the Lagonda Ave. and James St. Combined Sewer Replacement Project, to increase the contract amount by \$89,054.01, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$271,930.31, and to extend the contract completion date to November 8, 2019; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1."

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.

97-15 An Ordinance No. 19-293 titled, "Confirming and approving Change Order No. 3 to the contract between the City and Eagle Bridge Co. for the CLA Bechtle - 0.57, PID No. 99563, and further identified as the Bechtle Avenue bridge over the lagoon project, to increase the contract amount by \$46,781.89, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,480,521.52; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 3."

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.

207-18 An Ordinance No. 19-294 titled, "Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Associated Excavating, Inc. for the Northern Heights Water and Sewer Improvements Project, to extend the project completion date to May 1, 2020; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1."

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.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

127-15 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-295 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Professional Engineering Consulting Services between the City and Strand Associates, Inc. in connection with the Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan to extend the project completion date to December 31, 2020; and declaring an emergency."

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.

99-19 An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-296 titled, "Confirming and approving Change Order No. 2 to the contract between the City and A & B Asphalt Corporation for the 2019 PI Paving Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$59,533.77, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,128,209.31, and to extend the contract completion date to December 2, 2019; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 2; 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.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

205-18 Dr. Estrop asked for details on the proposed Broadway Reconstruction Project. Service Director Moore explained the street project includes sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water line upgrades, reconstruction of the street, curb, and gutter from Bechtle Avenue to Park Road. The project should be completed by September 2020.

250-19 Mr. O'Neill asked which properties were owned by applicant for the proposed right-of-way vacation near Scott Street and Selma Road. Planning, Zoning and Code Administrator Thompson indicated the applicant owns property on both sides of the alley along Scott Street. Mr. O'Neill asked if there is any concern for junk vehicles accumulating in this area. Mr. Thompson stated Code Enforcement would determine if vehicles are licensed and parked on an appropriate surface. Mr. O'Neill stated his concern for the property to become a junkyard with added fencing. Mrs. Chilton and Dr. Estrop agreed.

256-19 Mrs. Chilton asked how the moving of the Engineering Department from City Hall to the Service Center may impact citizens. City Manager Heck explained the Engineering functions will officially become a part of the Service Department by the end of the year. Citizens will be given a 30-day notice prior to the physical relocation of the Engineering staff to the Service Center at 2100 Lagonda Avenue which is tentatively scheduled for the end of January 2020.

Dr. Estrop stated the enhanced cooperation and coordination of Engineering and Service activities would be positive for citizens and staff. Mr. Heck agreed and indicated that project planning for streets, utility work, and forestry from one location would benefit everyone.

257-19 Dr. Estrop asked about the damage settlement with the Cogars on Springfield-Xenia Road. Law Director Allen stated the proposed settlement of \$5,000 finalizes the claim.

Mr. O'Neill asked if repairs were completed or the settlement was payment only. Mrs. Allen indicated the city did not make repairs nor will the owner be required to make the repairs following the settlement.

274-18 Dr. Estrop requested additional information on the requested Change Order No. 1 related to the Lagonda Avenue and James Street Combined Sewer Replacement Project. Service Director Moore explained the discovery of unknown concrete encasing a portion of the existing sewer required additional design work.

97-15 Dr. Estrop requested additional detail on the Change Order No. 3 for the Bechtle Avenue bridge project. Mr. Moore stated the change order included 23 items mostly related to drainage and traffic flow issues.

Mr. Copeland asked about state funding for the project, and Mr. Moore indicated the project was entirely funded by the state.

99-19 Mr. Heck explained the change order for the 2019 PI Paving Project primarily covers costs related to changing the streets to be repaired during the project. Columbia Gas had a conflict with several streets intended for repair in 2019, so alternative locations were chosen. Temporary pavement was placed on the streets already prepared for reconstruction, and Columbia Gas reimbursed the city for \$150,000 for the expenses.

4-19 Mrs. Chilton asked Community Development Director Meadows to share information on emergency shelters available during cold weather events. Mrs. Meadows explained Emergency Overflow procedures followed by the Community Development staff, the Fire Rescue Division, and Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) when temperatures reach zero degrees with the wind chill factor. Funding is made available to allow IHN to house additional citizens during the cold weather events plus activate Rapid Rehousing at local hotels if needed. The temperature on this meeting date warranted activation of Emergency Overflow procedures earlier in the day with IHN having one person over their permitted allotment at the family shelter.

Mrs. Chilton asked about citizens who have been banned from seeking shelter at one of the locations. Mrs. Meadows explained rules against persons who have been previously denied from staying at a shelter due to poor behavior are lifted during the Emergency Overflow period only.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

4-19 Mr. Rue presented a proclamation proclaiming December 10, 2019, as Conroy Funeral Home 100th Anniversary Day. Accepting the proclamation were Kyle and Bryce Conroy.

4-19 Dr. Estrop thanked the organizers for the Holiday in the City event held on December 7, 2019. Dr. Estrop also spoke on Santa flying into the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport on December 8, 2019.

4-19 Mr. Copeland announced the next City Commission meeting would be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019, due to the holiday schedule.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

4-19 Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, spoke on his previous request for grant funding used for the south side of Springfield. Mr. Heck explained that staff is compiling the requested information. Mr. Sanford also spoke on minority staffing issues and nepotism.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

51-19 Minutes from the November 18, 2019, National Trail Parks and Recreation District Board meeting.

264-19 Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit request for Family Dollar Stores of Ohio Inc., dba Family Dollar 796, 1857 South Limestone Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505.

265-19 Notification from Columbia Gas pertaining to their Infrastructure Replacement Program and Energy Efficiency programs.



On a motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session on Labor Negotiations and Personnel Appointment.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland. Yeas 5, Nays 0.

On a motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the Executive Session on Labor Negotiations and Personnel Appointment adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland. Yeas 5, Nays 0.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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