

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Thursday, December 19, 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 Mrs. Chilton, members approved the minutes of the December 10, 2019, Public Hearings, Legislative Meeting, and Executive Session 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:

**250-19** An Ordinance No. 19-297 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."

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.

**205-18** An Ordinance No. 19-298 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."

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.

## **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**13-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-299 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.

**14-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-300 titled, "Providing for Supplemental Appropriations within various funds; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, 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.

**1-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-301 titled, "Amending Ordinance No. 19-03 to revise the transfer of monies authorized; 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.

**158-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-302 titled, "Appropriating money for the several objects and purposes for which The City of Springfield, Ohio, must provide for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020; 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.

**139-16** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-303 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the FY2016 Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration, for aid in the financing of planning and capital assistance projects, to increase the grant in an amount not to exceed \$513,043.00; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director and the Director of Finance to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant amendment and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; authorizing an additional local matching expenditure of \$128,261.00; 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.

**266-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-304 titled, "Confirming and approving a Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Obligation Document to obtain a grant up to \$18,500.00 for task force officer overtime reimbursement for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the United States Marshals Service; authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal requirements; and declaring an emergency."

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.

**267-19a** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-305 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Springfield Foundation for a grant to partially support CultureFest 2020 in an amount up to \$5,000.00; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Director of Community Development to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; 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.

**267-19b** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-306 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Turner Foundation for a grant to partially support CultureFest 2020 in an amount up to \$1,000.00; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Director of Community Development to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; 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.

### **NEW ITEM ON AGENDA - EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**268-19** An Emergency Ordinance No. 19-307 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement by and between The City of Springfield, Ohio and the Springfield Police Patrolmen's Association; directing the implementation and performance of the provisions of such agreement; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, 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.

### **LIQUOR PERMIT**

**264-19** 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 for a new liquor permit for Family Dollar Stores of Ohio Inc., dba Family Dollar 796, 1857 South Limestone Street, 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.

### **COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**205-18** Dr. Estrop asked Service Director Moore to explain the scope of the Broadway Street Reconstruction project. Mr. Moore indicated the large project is a full reconstruction of the street from Bechtle Avenue to Park Road. The project includes curb and gutter, ADA-compliant ramps, sanitary sewer line replacement, water line replacement, and other improvements.

Mr. Rue asked when the project would begin, and Mr. Moore stated the project can officially begin with a pre-construction meeting when the ordinance becomes effective 14 days after passage. The contractor plans to begin in February 2020 with a completion date of August 2020.

**14-19, 1-19** Dr. Estrop asked Finance Director Beckdahl if the ordinances for supplemental appropriations and payments were related to year-end accounting procedures. Mr. Beckdahl agreed and indicated supplemental appropriations often occur in the last months of year when funds are moved among accounts.

**139-16** Dr. Estrop requested additional information on the amendment to the FY2016 Grant with the Federal Transit Authority. Mr. Beckdahl stated unused funds from the 2016 grant are eligible to be moved for preventative maintenance projects.

**267-19a and 267-19b** Mrs. Chilton thanked both the Springfield Foundation and the Turner Foundation for their grant funding for CultureFest 2020.

**264-19** Mrs. Chilton stated she visited the Family Dollar Store requesting a new liquor license. She indicated the store is doing their due diligence in keeping the store in good condition. She was told the store chain has many stores that sell alcohol as part of doing business, and she stated that she would not object to their liquor license request.

**268-19** Dr. Estrop stated he was pleased the city staff and Springfield Police Patrolmen's Association reached a new bargaining agreement. Dr. Estrop also asked if the city can afford the new contract amount in both the short- and long-term future, and Mr. Beckdahl replied affirmatively.

### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

**4-19** Mr. Copeland announced the next meeting of the City Commission is the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2020. A reception will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the formal meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Copeland will each take their new oaths of office for their new terms.

**4-19** Mr. Rue spoke on a recent newspaper article related to the city's budget. Mr. Rue stated commissioners and staff are making strides to work with other agencies if combining functions is good for the citizens. Mr. Copeland added he read some of the online comments related to the article, and was surprised by some comments. Mrs. Chilton stated the safety of city employees and citizens is the primary consideration in making decisions.

**4-19** Dr. Estrop wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

**4-19** Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, wished everyone a merry Christmas.

**4-19** Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire Court, spoke on the wellbeing of the entire city and stated people should help each other.



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

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 Mrs. Chilton, the Executive Session on Labor Negotiations 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 Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 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