

**The City of Springfield, Ohio**  
**City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Forum**

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The meeting was called to order by President Copeland. 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. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the December 19, 2019, Legislative Meeting and the January 2, 2020, Organizational 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 read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

**255-19 Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 6.7 acres at 50-110 West Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio from CC-2, Community Commercial District to M-1, General Manufacturing District.**

**254-19 Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.39 acres at 508-516 North Florence Street, Springfield, Ohio from M-2, Manufacturing District to CI-1, Intensive Commercial District.**

**9-20 Authorizing the acceptance of various donations in support of CultureFest 2020.**

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked City Manager Heck to explain the new process in accepting donations for the annual CultureFest event. Mr. Heck stated that instead of legislating each individual donation to CultureFest, commissioners will pass one ordinance at the beginning of the year and then will publicly recognize all donors prior to the September event.

**139-19 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Subrecipient Funding Agreement (Norm's Place & Hartley House - 2019-2020) with Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc. to increase Emergency Solutions Grant allocations in the amount of \$19,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$146,357.00.**

**10-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with Edward L. Perkins and Marilyn L. Perkins to provide for sewer services to real property outside the City limits.**

Discussion

Dr. Estrop commented that citizens outside of the city limits who have a Development Incentive Agreement (DIA) pay a higher rate for sewer services than city residents. Mr. Heck concurred and stated DIA holders pay outside rates.

**11-20 Confirming and approving the submission of an application for a Federal 9-1-1 Grant through the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services in an amount up to \$50,000.00; authorizing the local matching expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Law Director to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant application and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.**

**12-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Property Registration Champions, LLC ("ProChamps") to provide vacant property administration registration services at no cost to the City and therein making it revenue neutral.**

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional information on the agreement. Mr. Heck stated the proposed agreement will assist staff administer the Vacant Property Registration program as adopted by the City Commission. ProChamps will maximize the efficiency of the program by keeping registrations updated with their staff leaving city staff available to focus on code enforcement efforts.

Mrs. Chilton asked Community Development Director Meadows to explain what owners of vacant properties should do. Mrs. Meadows explained questions may be directed to 937-324-7380 for additional information. As of January 1, 2020, property owners with a residential property that has been vacant for 90 days have 30 days to register their property either using an online registration process or in person at the Community Development office. Owners must pay a \$100 filing fee per property and provide a contact information along with an interior condition survey for public safety purposes. ProChamps will work directly with mortgage companies targeting properties in foreclosure.

Mr. Copeland asked Law Director Allen if commissioners who are property owners are eligible to vote on the agreement related to the vacant property program. Mrs. Allen stated the program has been adopted leaving no conflict of interest for commissioners.

Next regular City Commission meeting: January 28, 2020.

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**13-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-8: Providing for the transfer of monies among various funds, and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance passed.

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

**14-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-9: Providing for Supplemental Appropriations within various funds, and declaring an emergency therein.**

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.

**168-18 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-10: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bansal Construction, Inc. for the CLA Main/Western Signal Upgrade Project, PID No. 108617 for an amount not to exceed \$263,666.98, and declaring an emergency therein.**

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.

#### Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked Service Director Moore to provide details on the project. Mr. Moore stated the traffic signals in the subject area will be fully removed and upgraded with video detection and integrated with the railroad crossing. The project will be funded with state safety funds and \$8,600 from city funds.

### **RESOLUTION**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**15-20 Resolution No. 6070: Extending support from the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio to a tax credit development proposed by Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the resolution was adopted.

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

### **NEW ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**16-20 Resolution No. 6071: Reappointing Jeff Smith to the Springfield Historic Landmarks Commission.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the resolution was adopted.

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

**17-20 Resolution No. 6072: Consenting to the reappointment of Christina Walters to the Mediation Board.**

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the resolution was adopted.

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

**18-20 Resolution No. 6073: Consenting to the reappointment of Kathryn Lewis-Campbell to the City Planning Board.**

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the resolution was adopted.

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

#### Discussion

Mrs. Chilton thanked all citizens who volunteer to serve on city boards and commissions.

**MOTION**

**44-19** On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, publication of tentative assessments for the 2019 Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Program were approved.

**LIQUOR PERMITS**

**270-19** On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the administration's report relative to notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request to transfer a liquor permit from Lou Ellen Parks EST, Richard Summers Adm, dba Pleasant Corner, 801 E. Pleasant St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Springfield, Ohio 45505 to Shelby Parks, 801 E. Pleasant 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.

**269-19** On motion of Mrs. Chilton, 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 Bechtle Enterprises Inc., 1116 Bechtle Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45504 to Rehal LLC, 1116 Bechtle Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45504, 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.

**Discussion**

Mrs. Chilton asked Police Chief Graf to explain how liquor permit holders and their employees choose to check identification before selling beer and liquor to patrons. Chief Graf stated that establishments set their own policies for checking identification; most check anyone 30 and younger.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**7-20** Mrs. Chilton reminded citizens that a new area code 326 will be added to the region in February requiring all local calls be dialed using the full ten-digit number.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**7-20** Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, spoke on unfair code enforcement practices stating some people are targeted and other areas remain with junk and trash. Mr. Sanford also spoke on hiring practices not including minority employees in street crews.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were received and filed:

- 121-19** Quarterly Investment Report, Fourth Quarter, 2019.
- 158-19** File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 19-302 as filed with the Clark County Auditor.
- 250-19** Fire-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 19-297 as filed with the Clark County Auditor and Recorder.
- 269-19** Notification from Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Bechtle Enterprises Inc., 1116 Bechtle Avenue, to Rehal LLC, 1116 Bechtle Avenue.
- 270-19** Notification from Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Lou Ellen Parks Est. and Richard Summers Adm. dba Pleasant Corner, 801 East Pleasant Street 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, to Shelby Parks, 801 East Pleasant Street 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
- 8-20** Minutes from the January 2, 2020, Community Beautification Committee meeting.
- 15-20** Correspondence from Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Inc. regarding an application for the proposed tax credit development of The Community Gardens II.
- 19-20** Notification from Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Angela M. Tracy, 1251 North Belmont Avenue, to 3ND LLC dba Nick's Drive Thru, 1251 North Belmont Avenue.



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

  
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CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION