

**The City of Springfield, Ohio
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Forum**

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 Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, members approved the minutes of the January 14, 2020, 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.

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:

21-20 To amend Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by repealing and replacing existing Chapter 775, titled Selling Products from Vehicles with the enactment of new Chapter 775 titled Ice Cream Trucks.

22-20 To amend Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by the enactment of new Part Seven Chapter 776 titled Food Trucks and adopting administrative procedures related thereto; amending Section 1324.02 titled Class A Civil Offenses to include the Food Trucks Section.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the proposed Codified Ordinance changes for Ice Cream Trucks and Food Trucks. Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs stated the proposed changes to Chapter 775 reorganized the content and changed the definitions related to ice cream trucks. New Chapter 776 establishes a policy for food trucks as previously presented to the commissioners at a work session. Changes since the work session include an increased buffer of 75' from existing restaurant establishments and adds a Class A Civil Offense for violations. Ms. Cobbs noted the proposed policies will not interfere with special events where food trucks may be present.

Mrs. Chilton asked where interested citizens may get more information. Ms. Cobbs stated food truck policy questions may be directed to the City Manager's Office and licensing questions should be directed to the Clark County Combined Health District.

23-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. ("CVB"), for the purpose of establishing a downtown event program position, for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Discussion

Mr. Copeland asked for confirmation that the contract is \$30,000 per year for three years totaling \$90,000; City Manager Heck confirmed.

Mr. Rue commented the new position is an investment for the city; the city will have input on how the position is used and input on who is chosen to fill the job. Mr. Rue added the position will help meet the commission's goal of promoting downtown.

Mrs. Chilton asked if interested persons apply for the position with the City Personnel Department. Mr. Heck indicated the job has been posted by the CVB and has received several applications with interviews starting soon. Interested persons can contact Chris Schutte at the CVB.

Dr. Estrop spoke on a similar position at the City of Wooster that has been vital to the successful rebuilding of their downtown.

24-20 Confirming and approving the acceptance of an EMS Priority 1 Training and Equipment Grant in an amount up to \$2,841.00 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director and the Chief of the Fire Division 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.

18-17 Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Dayton Sweeping Service, Inc., dba DSS Sweeping Service, Inc., for the sweeping and cleaning of City streets, for an amount not to exceed \$162,864.00.

17-17 Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with The Endurance Group LLC dba Emerald Green Lawn & Landscape Pros, for the mowing of boulevards, for an amount not to exceed \$37,400.02.

80-16 Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Republic Services of Ohio Hauling LLC, for the removal of catch basin debris/trash and grit, for an amount not to exceed \$93,888.00.

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

255-20 **Ordinance No. 20-11:** **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.**

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.

254-20 **Ordinance No. 20-12:** **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.**

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.

9-20 **Ordinance No. 20-13:** **Authorizing the acceptance of various donations in support of CultureFest 2020.**

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.

139-19 **Ordinance No. 20-14:** **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.**

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.

10-20 **Ordinance No. 20-15:** **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.**

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.

11-20 **Ordinance No. 20-16:** **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.**

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.

12-20 **Ordinance No. 20-17:** **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.**

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:

25-20 **Emergency Ordinance No. 20-18:** **Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor.**

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.

26-20 **Emergency Ordinance No. 20-19:** **Authorizing a grant to Kirby and Diea Wolford for the continued revitalization of West Perrin Avenue and the payment of assessments on vacant land in the amount of \$7,479.32.**

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.

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton thanked for the Wolfords for their work in the West Perrin Avenue neighborhood and asked the City Manager to explain the proposed grant. Mr. Heck stated that Mr. and Mrs. Wolford have done a great job working on various properties where they live. At the time of purchasing a vacant property, it was not disclosed to them that a large demolition assessment was due on the property. Title insurance only covered a small portion, and staff felt it was appropriate to provide a grant to cover the assessment balance. The Wolfords will continue to work revitalizing properties in the neighborhood.

91-19 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-20: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into a Cooperative Agreement to finance the North Street Sewer Project with the Ohio Water Development Authority ("OWDA").

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.

205-18a Emergency Ordinance No. 20-21: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into a Cooperative Agreement to finance the water and sewer portions of the Broadway Street Reconstruction Project with the Ohio Water Development Authority ("OWDA").

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.

29-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-22: Authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to enter into a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the United States Government, Department of Justice and Department of Treasury, for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; confirming and approving all transactions up until the passage of this Ordinance.

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional detail on this agreement. Police Chief Graf explained the federal government shares the net proceeds following confiscation of assets with all agencies involved after the court process is complete.

30-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-23: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with Zoll Medical Corporation for the maintenance of cardiac monitoring equipment used by the Fire/Rescue Division, for an amount not to exceed \$30,631.50.

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.

205-18b Emergency Ordinance No. 20-24: Authorizing the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$57,751.18 for removal of 13 overhead cobra fixtures, 13 six-foot mast arms, six wood poles and overhead secondary conductor as well as the installation of 15 round colonial post top luminaires on 16-foot fiberglass posts and approximately 3,000 feet of secondary conductor relating to the Broadway Street Reconstruction Project by Ohio Edison.

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.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional detail on the light fixtures. Service Director Moore stated there are two different light styles in the Broadway Street area. During the reconstruction project, the older cobra-style lights in the eastern section will be replaced to match the colonial style of the western section.

31-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-25: Authorizing the issuance of purchase orders for the custom engineering, construction, and splicing of certain metropolitan dark fibers, from Cincinnati Bell and its designated subcontractor ACI Technologies, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$79,510.21.

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.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked how the dark fiber will be used. Mr. Heck explained the fiber network will be extended to Clark County's Springview Center and connect the facility with other areas downtown. Collaboration with the County on this project allows both organizations to move forward toward a countywide dispatch solution. The court system also wishes to implement video arraignments which will be possible with the new fiber. As a result of the partnership, the

County will provide an upgraded telephone system to the Municipal Court, Clerk of Courts, and City Prosecutor offices located in the County's building.

Mrs. Chilton clarified the fiber mentioned is related to network technology.

Mr. Rue commented on continued collaboration with other government agencies.

91-18 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-26: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Moody's of Dayton, Inc. for the High Service Pump Replacement Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$39,940.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,146,732.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1.

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.

32-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-27: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a ten-year Erie Sewer Service Area Cost Cooperation Agreement with The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio, to stabilize sewer bills for the Erie Sewer Service Area; confirming and approving services provided in relation to said Agreement from January 1, 2020 to the passage of this Ordinance.

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.

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional information on the cooperation agreement with Clark County. Mr. Heck explained the Northridge area has experienced higher sewer utility bills due to the heavy rain in the past few years. The City and County worked out an agreement to cap the sewer bills for the County which will be a better solution than building their own treatment facility. The ten-year solution is better for both parties.

RESOLUTIONS

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

33-20 Resolution No. 6074: Providing certification to the Economic Development Administration pursuant to Section D.03 and VIII.D of the March 15, 1993 Standard Terms and Conditions and the RLF Administrative Manual Grant.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, 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.

34-20 Resolution No. 6075: Authorizing City staff to conduct a study on the use of alternative energy at various City facilities.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, 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

Dr. Estrop thanked members of an alternative energy committee for looking at possible solutions such as solar panels for the city's larger facilities. The group is hoping to find a way to reduce costs and improve the environment at the same time. Dr. Estrop mentioned areas of Indiana and Illinois using alternative energy sources.

NEW ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA: RESOLUTION

The following legislation was added to the agenda and presented for the first time:

35-20 Resolution No. 6076: Appointing JoEtta Cooper, Richele Shepard, and Kara VanZant and reappointing Bruce Wagle to the Community Grant Advisory Board.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

7-20 Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, requested a copy of the Vacant Property Registration program.

7-20 Mrs. Diea Wolford, thanked the commissioners and Mr. Heck for approving the grant related to their West Perrin Avenue property.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

- 51-19** Minutes of the December 9, 2019, meeting of the National Trail Parks and Recreation District Board.
- 20-20** Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Noodle Shop Co. Colorado Inc., Unit B, 9719 Colerain Avenue, Colerain Township, Cincinnati, Ohio 45251, to Sakura Steakhouse and Sushi LLC dba Sakura, 1795 North Bechtle Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45504.
- 27-20** Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Hickory Inn LLC dba H. E. Williamson's Hickory Inn, 652 North Limestone Street, Springfield, Ohio 45503, to Brandon S. Tagg LLC dba Hickory Inn, 652 North Limestone Street, Springfield, Ohio 45503.
- 28-20** Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a new liquor permit request for James Linkhart, 2336 Northmoor Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45503.



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 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