

**The City of Springfield, Ohio**  
**City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 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 Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, members approved the minutes of the January 28, 2020, 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 read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

**36-20** An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$5,073,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the (a) municipal water system facilities, including replacing water lines, and improving the water treatment plant by installing a substation air break and constructing a liquid ferric building, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and (b) municipal sewer system facilities, including but not limited to constructing and installing sanitary and storm sewer lines, rehabilitating the City's wastewater treatment plant by replacing a primary effluent pump and substation, post aeration gates and sludge pumps, installing combined sewer overflow mitigation and inflow/infiltration elimination projects, and purchasing real estate and related interests therein, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the projects listed on the financing ordinances. Service Director Moore indicated all of the projects were previously approved by the commission over the past several years including a primary effluent pump replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and new housing for the liquid ferric sulfate used at the Water Treatment Plant. The two ordinances pertain to financing the projects.

**37-20** An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,000,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving City facilities, including the City Hall parking garage and plaza, by improving and replacing concrete and expansion joints, together with related site improvements and necessary appurtenances thereto.

**38-20** Authorizing the purchase of eight 2020 Ford Police Interceptors from National Auto Fleet Group, for an amount not to exceed \$305,300.00, through Sourcewell, pursuant to the Sourcewell Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop commented on the need for a local Ford vehicle dealership and asked for information on the hybrid model proposed for purchase. Police Chief Graf spoke positively on the Ford Interceptor cruisers already in use. This year the division selected four regular cruisers and four hybrid models to determine their performance and value.

**39-20** Authorizing and directing the City Manager to select certain identified parcels of real estate that constitute non-productive lands and to notify the Prosecuting Attorney or the County Auditor of Clark County, Ohio, as the case may be, pursuant to Sections 5722.03 and 5722.04 of the Ohio Revised Code that the City wishes to acquire said parcels pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722 and Ordinance No. 98-293, passed August 25, 1998 and to do all things necessary to acquire said parcels.

Discussion

Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, asked for additional information on the acquisition of property from the Clark County Auditor. City Manager Heck explained the 17 properties to be acquired are part of the Mow-to-Own Program and would be turned over to the participants after successfully fulfilling the obligations of the program.

**40-20** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of sand and gravel with Enon Sand and Gravel, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$334,141.25.

**41-20** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with A & B Asphalt Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$340,475.00.

**42-20** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with Shelly Materials, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$331,987.50.

**43-20** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with Valley Asphalt Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$406,555.00.

44-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with HEI-WAY LLC for an amount not to exceed \$67,060.00.

91-19 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the North Street Sewers Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,187,698.15.

45-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Lawn Guys of Dayton, LLC for weed cutting and lot clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

46-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gary Gilbert, Jr. dba Gilbert's Lawn Service for weed cutting and lot clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

47-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Miller's Property Service, LLC for weed cutting and lot clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

48-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bright Sights, Inc. for weed cutting and lot clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

49-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Stinnett Industries LLC dba Cut-2-Perfection Lawn and Snow Removal Services for weed cutting and lot clearing services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

#### Discussion

Mr. O'Neill asked about the five weed cutting and lot clearing contracts and the total amount to be spent for the year on these services. Planning, Zoning and Code Administrator Thompson indicated the city typically spends \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year for weed cutting. Each of the contracts has a non-to-exceed limit of \$60,000 allowing multiple vendors to be utilized during the year, but the total amount for all contracts will not be used.

Mrs. Chilton asked how lawn care providers can apply to be contractors for the City. Mr. Thompson stated contracts are awarded annually. Interested parties for next year's mowing contract should call the Community Development Department at 937-324-7380. Mr. Heck indicated there are two new contractors participating in this year's mowing contracts.

Next regular City Commission meeting: February 25, 2020.

### **FIRST READING—RESOLUTION**

The following legislation was read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

50-20 Declaring it necessary to require the construction or reconstruction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the points identified as Section No. 1 of Streets of the 2020 Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Program.

Next regular City Commission meeting: February 25, 2020.

### **SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

21-20 **Ordinance No. 20-28:** 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.

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.

22-20 **Ordinance No. 20-29:** 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.

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.

23-20 **Ordinance No. 20-30:** 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.

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

Mr. Mike Lowe asked if both the City and the County are funding the position and if total amount is \$90,000 per year or over three years. Mr. Heck explained the City is partnering with the Convention and Visitors Bureau on the new position. The position pays approximately \$50,000 per year with the City contributing \$30,000 per year over three years.

**24-20** Ordinance No. 20-31: 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.

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.

**18-17** Ordinance No. 20-32: 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.

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 Service Director Moore to explain why street sweeping is important. Mr. Moore stated street sweeping meets the Environmental Protection Agency's requirements by preventing grit, antifreeze, leaves, and other contaminants from entering the storm drains. Hiring the street sweeping along with the two sweepers operated by the city keeps the streets swept more frequently.

**17-17** Ordinance No. 20-33: 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.

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.

**80-16** Ordinance No. 20-34: 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.

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:

**189-11** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-35: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 5 to the Lease and Special Fixed Base Operator Agreement with Middletown Regional Flight Training Institute, LLC, dba Champion City Aviation to allow for the continuation of flight training and aircraft maintenance services at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport.

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.

**51-20** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-36: Confirming and approving the acceptance of a 2019-2020 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant in an amount up to \$12,807.86 and a 2019-2020 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program Grant in an amount up to \$16,961.79, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Governor's Highway Safety Office to reimburse salaries and certain fringe benefits of officers assigned to special overtime projects; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grants and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.

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.

**52-20** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-37: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in an amount up to \$29,762.80 from the Firehouse Subs - Public Safety Foundation to be used for the purchase of lifesaving equipment and fire prevention education tools for use by the City of Springfield, Fire Rescue Division; authorizing the City Manager, the 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 application and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.

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.

**266-14a** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-38: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 26851 - Amendment No. 6 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the

**CLA Belmont Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 Project, PID No. 94814, to reallocate funds among project phases; repealing Ordinance No. 19-20.**

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.

**266-14b Emergency Ordinance No. 20-39: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Modification No. 3 to Agreement No. 19868 with Korda Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for the CLA Belmont Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 Project, PID No. 94814, to reallocate funds among project phases.**

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.

**53-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-40: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kinnison Excavating, Inc. for the 2020 Miscellaneous Water Service Replacement Project for an amount not to exceed \$774,100.00.**

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.

**54-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-41: Authorizing the purchase and installation of new access control systems at multiple City-owned facilities from Graybar Electric Company, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$182,250.60, through Omnia Partners, pursuant to the Omnia Partners Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code.**

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.

**NEW ITEMS ON THE AGENDA--RESOLUTIONS**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**56-20 Resolution No. 6077: Consenting to the reappointment of James E. Heath to the Board of Building Appeals.**

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.

**57-20 Resolution No. 6078: Appointing LaMonyka French to the Community Grant Advisory Board.**

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**LIQUOR PERMITS**

**19-20** 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 Angela M. Tracy, 1251 N. Belmont, Springfield, Ohio 45503 to 3ND LLC, dba Nick's Drive Thru, 1251 N. Belmont, 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.

**20-20** 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 Noodle Shop Co Colorado Inc., 9719 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45251 to Sakura Steakhouse and Sushi LLC, dba Sakura, 1795 N. Bechtel Ave., 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.

**27-20** 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 Hickory Inn LLC, dba H E Williamson's Hickory Inn, 652 N. Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio 45503 to Brandon S. Tagg LLC, dba Hickory Inn, 652 N. Limestone St., 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 FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**7-20** Mrs. Chilton presented a proclamation prior to the start of the Commission meeting proclaiming February 11, 2020, as National 2-1-1 Day in Springfield. The proclamation was accepted by Ms. Kerry Pedraza and Ms. Kara VanZant of the United Way of Clark, Champaign & Madison Counties.

Mrs. Chilton also thanked Health Commissioner Charles Patterson, Fire Chief Miller, Ms. Pedraza, and Ms. VanZant for their efforts with the Community Initiative on Resource Utilization for Non-Emergency Needs committee. The group is working to collaborate with various service providers to reduce the number of 9-1-1 calls for non-emergency needs and encourage the use of 2-1-1.

**7-20** Dr. Estrop commented on the large amount of money to be spent for items listed on the agenda and asked for verification that the city had the money for the expenditures. Mr. Beckdahl stated the items read as First Readings were all included in the approved 2020 Budget.

**59-20** Mr. Copeland announced a community meeting to discuss the impending closure of the Kroger store on South Limestone Street would be held on February 18, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the John Legend Theater of The Dome.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

**59-20** Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire Court, spoke on the community working together to find a solution for the "food desert" that would be created upon closure of the Kroger store on South Limestone Street.

Mr. Kedrick Long, also spoke on the impending closure of the Kroger store and asked what the City is doing to assist the neighborhood. Mr. Copeland explained that staff would meet with Kroger officials in the coming week and the result would be discussed at the public meeting on February 18. He added he had spoken with the Kroger officials many times asking for improvements to the store and had been assured the store would remain open. He indicated that he hopes Kroger will be willing to leave the store available for another grocer to use.

Mrs. Chilton added the issue has been discussed with various community groups.

Mr. Rue commented there have been many conversations happening to find a solution. He added that three additional stores in other communities are also being closed.

**7-20** Mr. Mike Lowe, spoke on food stores on the west side of Springfield which have also closed, concerns related to Navistar operations and layoffs, an offer from Volkswagon to purchase shares of Navistar, eliminating expenses including city staff longevity payments, increasing hiring for police and fire, and suggested reducing spending ahead of a levy renewal. Mr. Lowe also asked about the City Commission retreat which is scheduled for March 3 and 4, 2020, at the Service Center.

Mr. Heck indicated that he has spoken with the local UAW 402 officials, and Mayor Copleand has spoken with Senator Sherrod Brown about Navistar.

**7-20** Mr. David Sanford, 528 Yellow Springs Street, also spoke on the Kroger closure, grant funds that are earmarked for the south side of Springfield, and lack of investment in the that area. Mr. Sanford stated investment is needed in the older homes, not torn down.

Mrs. Chilton responded that the City is working to make improvements to the area along with the other areas of the city.

Mr. Copeland indicated that he and others support the many good restaurants and businesses on the south side. The City is working on a housing strategy to restore the older homes of the area.

**59-20** Ms. Kali Lawrence, 56 ½ Wester Perrin Avenue, thanked the City Commission for the recent grant supporting West Perring Avenue improvements. She also announced the Think Tank's ridesharing opportunity for those who wish to attend the public meeting on February 18, 2020, pertaining to the Kroger store closure. Citizens who need a ride to the meeting may text RIDE2DOME to 41411. Those who wish to volunteer to provide transportation may call 937-322-4970.

Mr. Copeland added his appreciation for the citizen concerns regarding the Kroger closure. He stated that he was upset after receiving assurances in the past that the store would remain open.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

**198-19** Minutes of the October, November, and December, 2019, meetings of the Clark County Combined Health District Board of Health and 2019 Annual Communicable Disease Report.

**55-20** Minutes of the January 13, 2020, meeting of the National Trail Parks and Recreation Board of Trustees.



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

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