

The City of Springfield, Ohio
City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Internet Application

In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a special virtual meeting was called to order by President Copeland at 10:50 a.m. following three public hearings. 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 a motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the April 21, 2020, 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:

58-20 Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 1.22 acres, being Parcel No. 3400600005427031, from DMC, Downtown Medical Campus UPOD to CN-2, Neighborhood Commercial District UPOD.

98-20 Approving an amendment to the existing CC-2A Shopping Center Plan located in the area of Bechtle Avenue and Saint Paris Connector to modify the designated green space and commercial use space in Parcel Nos. 3300600006100019 and 3300600006100024.

99-20 Vacating the first alley east of Woodlawn Avenue from Bill Edwards Drive north to the intersecting east-west alley.

113-20 Adopting a Southwest Downtown Urban Renewal Plan Amendment #5

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional information on the amendment. City Manager Heck explained the designated area was originally created for the hospital area. The requested amendment denotes the change in zoning in Item No. 58-20 from medical campus to neighborhood commercial thus removing the subject property from the designated area.

126-19 Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Carmeuse Lime & Stone, Inc. for the purchase of quicklime for use by the City's Water Treatment Plant, for an amount not to exceed \$774,800.00.

50-20 Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Sterling Quality Concrete, LLC for the 2020 Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Program, to decrease the contract in an amount not to exceed \$270,627.26, for a total amount not to exceed \$234,725.94; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop spoke positively on the decreased expense related to the contract. Mr. Heck explained in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the flat surface (sidewalk) portion of the contract would not be required of property owners in 2020. The City will provide the curb and gutter work related to the Neighborhood Street Program.

~~~~~ Next City Commission meeting: May 19, 2020. ~~~~~

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**104-20** **Ordinance No. 20-118:** Consenting to the performance of bridge maintenance and rehabilitation on Structure File Number 1205463 within the City of Springfield, by the Ohio Department of Transportation (identified as CLA - SR 72-8.63, and further identified by PID No. 108063); providing for the maintenance of the right-of-way; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio necessary to complete the project.

On a 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.

**105-20** **Ordinance No. 20-119:** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement No. 37472 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide the City with eligible costs of up to a maximum sum of \$77,000.00 for the CLA – Spgfld. N. Burnett/Columbus Project, PID

**No. 110976; and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director and Finance Director to do all things they deem necessary to implement said agreement.**

On a 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.

**106-20 Ordinance No. 20-120: Consenting to the painting of the structural steel on various bridges throughout the district in Clark and Montgomery counties to include Structure File Number 1202944 – CLA-US-68-08.32 and Structure File Number 1202855 – CLA-US-68-08.33 within the City of Springfield, by the Ohio Department of Transportation (identified as D07 BP FY22, and further identified by PID No. 105404); providing for the maintenance of the right-of-way; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio necessary to complete the project.**

On a 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.

**107-20 Ordinance No. 20-121: Authorizing the Law Director to approve and settle a claim with Ohio Edison Co. for the expense incurred as a result of damage that occurred to underground facilities near the intersection of High and Center Streets on or about December 13, 2019; and authorizing the Director of Finance to make payment to Ohio Edison Co. in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$1,248.45) as full settlement as and for said damages.**

On a 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.

**108-20 Ordinance No. 20-122: Authorizing the Law Director to approve and settle a claim with Mary Shropshire for the expense incurred as a result of damage that occurred on her property located at 515 E. Harrison St. on or about January 4, 2020; and authorizing the Director of Finance to make payment to Mary Shropshire in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,380.00) as full settlement as and for said damages.**

On a 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.

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**7-19 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-123: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Agreement No. 34811 with Martin + Wood Appraisal Group, LTD. for the CLA Sidewalk Project, PID No. 109478 for an amount not to exceed \$7,740.00, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the proposed agreement, and Mr. Heck explained the agreement is for right-of-way work and documentation related to the sidewalk project. Transportation Alternative funding is available from the state for areas where no sidewalk exists.

Mrs. Chilton asked for the anticipated construction dates. Service Director Moore stated the funding has changed from the beginning of the project, but staff anticipates construction to begin in 2021.

Mr. Copeland noted lower gasoline prices for consumers in turn reduce the amount of gasoline tax collected for state road construction projects.

On a motion of Mr. O'Neill, 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. 20-124: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Kinnison Excavating, Inc. for the 2020 Miscellaneous Water Service Replacement Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$9,455.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$783,555.00; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop asked for further detail on the proposed change order. Mr. Moore explained the change order addresses construction supplies no longer available due to supply chain interruptions during the pandemic. Rather than delay construction, a replacement product was chosen.

On a 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.

### **LIQUOR PERMIT**

Note: The liquor permit below was incorrectly listed on the agenda and read as SDYA LLC, dba Main Stop Foodmart, 637 W. Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504 to Deza Investments LLC, 637 W. Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504. Documentation attached to the agenda was correct and subsequently processed as follows:

**87-20** Notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of a request for a new liquor permit from Family Dollar Stores of Ohio, Inc. dba Family Dollar 7159, 1014 West Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504. The City Manager recommended the City Clerk file the request with no objection.

On a motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the request will be filed with no objection.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

**89-20** Dr. Estrop asked City Manager Heck and Finance Director Beckdahl to update the City Commission and the public on city services during the State of Emergency and the City's financial situation.

Mr. Heck stated there were no employees in quarantine, remote public meetings would continue at least through the end of May, and the first floor of City Hall would open to the public for access to Income Tax and Utility Billing services on a limited basis beginning May 11, 2020. Signs would be posted on doors and on the website with details.

Mrs. Chilton reminded citizens of drop boxes and online payment options available. Mrs. Chilton asked if masks are required at City Hall. Mr. Heck stated while employees are required to wear masks, the public is encouraged to do so.

Mr. Beckdahl spoke on the City's finances explaining the income tax receipts have dropped by 10 percent. Staff expects to see revenue to continue to drop, but controlled spending including \$1 million in budgeted spending cuts will help. Mr. Beckdahl stated there are challenges ahead including state gas tax reductions.

Dr. Estrop stated his appreciation to City staff continuing to work and provide services.

Mr. Copeland thanked staff for surveying local businesses to determine their status and needs. Mr. Copeland also commented on other Ohio cities who are suffering financially. Mayors across the state continue to solicit federal assistance to local governments.

Mr. O'Neill asked about possible federal first responder relief efforts. Mr. Copeland stated cities are not at a point to apply for federal assistance, but they are joining together to lobby for enactment of legislation. Mr. Copeland stated Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley is very involved in these efforts representing the area.

Mr. Heck also spoke on the CARES Act 3 which had funding for cities with a population of 500,000 or more which only included Columbus in the state of Ohio for a direct allocation. Additional funding to the state of nearly \$1.4 billion is to be distributed to local agencies.

**59-20** Mr. Heck updated commissioners on the former Kroger property and subsequent food desert for the south side of Springfield. Shuttles will be available to other grocery stores through June. The need for services provided by Second Harvest Food Bank continues to increase. Meetings continue with potential development partners in this area. Staff plans to present a funding proposal assisting the Clark County Land Bank to purchase the former Kroger property very soon. Information was mailed to public meeting participants who wished to participate in work groups.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**112-20** Quarterly Investment Report, First Quarter 2020.

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There being no further business, on a motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

*Karan R. Copeland*

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

*Jill R. Pierce*

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION