

**The City of Springfield, Ohio**  
**City Commission Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Internet Application**

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In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a special virtual 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 a motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop members approved the minutes of the June 16, 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:

**132-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Geographic Information Sharing (“GIS”) Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio for sharing of GIS data between the City and the County and making the GIS data available to the public, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the 5-year term.**

**133-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Clark County / City of Springfield Geographical Information System 2021-2025 Consortium Agreement with The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio and the Clark County Auditor for a shared Geographical Information System (“GIS”) and to allow the County to provide GIS services for the City of Springfield, Ohio, for an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 for the 5-year term.**

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional information for Items #132-20 and #133-20. Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs described Item #132-20 as the web-hosting agreement where the City's GIS data is hosted by the County using their software and hardware. Item #133-20 allows the County to maintain and administer a combined mapping program for both organizations.

Mr. Heck added the subject agreements renew existing agreements that have been in place for several years and have been a very good collaboration between both organizations at a great value for the City.

Mrs. Chilton commented on the city and county working well together on this project.

**189-11 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 6 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.**

~~~~~ Next City Commission meeting: July 14, 2020. ~~~~~

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**121-20** A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$97,000 (the "Notes"), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping improvements at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport and providing for all related site improvements, including the construction of new hangars and taxilanes, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvement"), that: (1) The estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement is at least five years. (2) The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, at least twenty (20) years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of the notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of Bonds. (3) The maximum maturity of the Notes is July 21, 2036, which is two hundred forty (240) months from July 21, 2016, the date of issuance of the original note issued for this purpose.

**Ordinance No. 20-157: Providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$97,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping improvements at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport and providing for all related site improvements, including the construction of new hangars and taxilanes, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto.**

Discussion

Dr. Estrop stated the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport is a great economic development tool for the community.

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.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented June 8, 2020, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

**122-20 Ordinance No. 20-158: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Structural Systems Repair Group, LLC for the WTP Concrete Repairs and WWTP Secondary Clarifiers and Effluent Diversion Concrete Repair for an amount not to exceed \$3,704,415.00.**

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.

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**130-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-159: Adopting the Tax Budget of The City of Springfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and submitting the same to the County Auditor.**

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.

**134-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-160: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent ("LOI") with Dillin LLC to aid in the redevelopment of the Kroger facility located at 1822 South Limestone Street.**

#### Discussion

Mr. O'Neill complimented Mr. Larry Dillin's presentation made during the work session about this project.

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.

**205-18 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-161: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Majors Enterprises, Inc. for the Broadway Reconstruction Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$130,565.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,022,911.00; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1.**

#### Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the proposed change order. Service Director Moore explained additional water line work was determined necessary to connect several properties to a new 10" water line and abandon an older 6" line. Also, discovery of a shared sewer lateral would be replaced for three property owners.

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.

**135-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-162: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Outdoor Enterprise, LLC for the Center Street Streetscape Project for an amount not to exceed \$188,495.40.**

#### Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional detail on this project. City Manager Heck described the area which surrounds the Center Street Towns residential development currently under construction in the Main, Center, and Columbia streets area. The Mill Run Place portion of the area is already completed in compliance with the adopted Unified Plan.

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 RESOLUTION**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**136-20 Emergency Resolution No. 6086: Declaring it necessary to improve public streets and easements by constructing and installing on certain property within the city street improvements, water and sewer lines, storm drains, and all necessary appurtenances.**

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.

## **ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA: EMERGENCY RESOLUTION**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**137-20** **Emergency Resolution No. 6087: Supporting and approving the use of face coverings and six (6) feet of social distancing to all members of the public to reduce and prevent the transmission of COVID-19, and declaring an emergency therein.**

### Discussion

Mrs. Chilton thanked the Clark County Combined Health District for sharing information on testing sites and providing masks in neighborhoods to fight the virus.

Dr. Estrop commented wearing masks is not just a matter of courtesy, but a matter of life, death, and health.

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.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**123-20** The City Clerk read an email from Clark County Commission President Melanie Flax Wilt regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a combined dispatch center. Ms. Wilt stated details of the agreement would be vetted through the contract process and union negotiations.

Dr. Estrop spoke his disappointment that the MOU was withdrawn from the agenda because a combined dispatch center makes good sense. However, the proposed changes by the Clark County Sheriff would not treat all employees fairly. Dr. Estrop stated a combined dispatch center must be efficient save taxpayer dollars when both parties work together.

Mr. Copeland stated his disappointment that the Sheriff proposed to hire City dispatchers as new employees, not experienced employees into a combined center which would be an insult to our experienced workforce.

Mrs. Chilton stated her concerns for the intent section of the MOU which states the parties of the agreement that the combined center's workforce would have wages and seniority recognized as best as possible at the time of hiring. Mrs. Chilton stated City dispatchers hired as new employees would not be best as possible.

Mr. Rue stated that he would like to see the two dispatch centers combined if it can be done right as a collaboration of two government agencies. The legislative item was pulled because changes made to the agreement that may be perceived as a small change can make a big difference to employees. Mr. Rue added the City could continue run their dispatch separately.

Mr. O'Neill commended the City Manager for his work on the agreement and stepping back to protect the interests of the City and staff. Mr. O'Neill stated his concern for delivery of service to citizens with a level of management that everyone trusts such as the dispatch center we have now.

Mr. Copeland stated his reluctance to move forward with an agreement if the Sheriff (current or future) is managing a combined center.

Mr. Heck spoke on the staff's efforts to minimize the impact on City employees with a combined operation. However, an issue recently arose that could greatly impact the agreement and possibly risk losing good employees. The issue would need to be resolved before moving forward.

Mr. Rue clarified that a mutually acceptable agreement had been prepared until a recent change was proposed that would result in unfair treatment of City employees. He stated a combined dispatch is a good idea if done correctly. Both City and County dispatch centers are well-trained and serve the public well.

Mr. O'Neill commented the most important issue is how the citizens are impacted by the dispatch service.

Upon question from Mrs. Chilton, Mr. Heck reviewed the discussion process for combining the two dispatch centers into one which led to the MOU legislation read at the last meeting. Changes to one item related to length of service for City employees was not acceptable, so the item was removed from the agenda.

**131-20** Mr. Copeland spoke on the fireworks concern in the various neighborhoods each night. This issue has also become a national concern.

Mr. Heck stated the City already has an adopted ordinance prohibiting fireworks, and the State has pending legislation to legalize fireworks which has not yet been adopted.

Law Director Allen stated fireworks is a common issue in many communities, but it is illegal to possess and use fireworks in the entire state.

Police Chief Graf stated police patrol units will file charges against citizens who possess fireworks. Chief Graf reminded commissioners and viewers of the dangers to persons and property.

Dr. Estrop encourage everyone to contact their state senator to vote against pending legislation. Dr. Estrop also asked if fireworks could be seized by police if found in a citizen's possession. Chief Graf stated fireworks is considered contraband and may be seized.

Mr. O'Neill asked if the City could continue to enforce the ordinances prohibiting fireworks if the State law is changed. Mrs. Allen stated the City would continue to self-govern under home rule powers unless the State would overrule that power. Ms. Allen added that many Ohio cities would likely join together to prevent that from happening.

Mrs. Chilton asked if permits are available to use fireworks. Mr. Heck explained the Ohio Revised Code regulates public exhibitions of fireworks through a licensing program.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

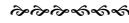
**131-20** Email correspondence pertaining to illegal fireworks use in Springfield neighborhoods was read by the City Clerk from the following citizens: Nick Mastick of 930 South Fountain Avenue, Ruth Weingartz of 930 South Fountain Avenue, Kristina Bryant of 801 South Fountain Avenue, and James Kauffman of 2118 Rutland Avenue.

**59-20** Email correspondence pertaining to the closure of PNC Bank and Kroger on South Limestone Street was read by the City Clerk from Linda Threats and Jessica Threats of 232 Delcort Drive.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**97-20** Notification from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, second allocation of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Fund.

**126-20** File-stamped copy of Ordinance No. 20-151 as filed with the Clark County Auditor's Office.



There being no further business, on a motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Handwritten signature of Harlan R. Copeland in black ink.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Jill R. Pierce in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION