

**The City of Springfield, Ohio
City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 – 2:00 p.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 following a work session presentation. 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 Mrs. Chilton, members approved the minutes of the August 11, 2020, Legislative Meeting as presented.

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:

149-20 Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 2.01 acres at 223 Montgomery Avenue, Springfield, Ohio from RM-12, OPD-H to RM-12, Low-Density, Multi-Family Residence District.

150-20 Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.30 acres at 311 East Cassilly Street, Springfield, Ohio from RS-8, Medium-Density, Single-Family Residence District to CO-1, Commercial Office District.

167-20 Confirming and approving a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with Martin A. & Maria J. Goeser to provide for sewer services to real property outside the City limits.

250-16 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment C to the Engineering Services Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for the Primary Effluent Pumps Replacement Evaluation and Design Project, to increase the contract for an amount not to exceed \$226,373.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$790,130.00; and to extend the completion date to February 15, 2021.

168-20 Authorizing the City Manager to submit the 2019 Consolidated Plan CAPER of The City of Springfield, Ohio to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked if the Consolidated Plan CAPER is available for review online. Community Development Director Meadows indicated the plan which documents how the City utilized the 2019 CDBG, HOME, and Emergency Solution Grant funds is on the City's website or available from staff by calling the office at 937-324-7380.

169-20 Authorizing the release of Church of God Retirement Housing Limited Partnership from continuing obligations under its mortgage and promissory note given to secure performance of Church of God Retirement Housing Limited Partnership under its HOME Funded Loan Agreement, pertaining to the property located at 3693 Middle Urbana Road and commonly known as Northpointe Senior Living Apartments.

432-02 Authorizing the release of Springfield Housing Partners II LTD from continuing obligations under its mortgage and promissory note given to secure performance of Springfield Housing Partners II LTD under its HOME Funded Loan Agreement, pertaining to the property located at 108 East Mulberry Street and commonly known as Mulberry Gardens (Ice House) Apartments.

170-20 Authorizing the Law Director to approve and settle a claim with William S. & Kathy L. Rickord for the expense incurred as a result of damage that occurred on their property located at 2426 Carousel Dr. on or about May 18, 2020; and authorizing the Director of Finance to make payment to William S. & Kathy L. Rickord in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$1,393.00) as full settlement as and for said damages.

171-20 Accepting dedication of public improvements for the Derby Glen Village Subdivision.

~~~~~ Next City Commission meeting: September 8, 2020. ~~~~~

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**159-20** **Ordinance No. 20-197:** Amending 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 170 titled *Police Community Relations Advisory Group* with new Chapter 170 titled *Community Police Advisory Team*.

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked if applications for the group were available, and City Manager Heck indicated the applications would be made available 14 days following approval of the subject ordinance. The applications would be available through the City Clerk's Office on September 8, 2020.

Dr. Estrop spoke on questions received about defunding the Police Division which is not the case of the proposed advisory team. Dr. Estrop stated the intent of the group is to better connect citizens with the Police Division and improve relations.

Mr. Copleand agreed and stated the City Charter governs the Police staffing level.

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.

**160-20 Ordinance No. 20-198: Authorizing the acceptance of a 2020-2021 Drug Use Prevention Grant in an amount up to \$38,732.40 from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be used for funding four officers to teach drug use prevention education in public schools; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Chief of Police 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.

**161-20 Ordinance No. 20-199: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Shelter Plus Care 1 Grant Agreement (Grant #OH0204L5E071912) with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in an amount not to exceed \$185,891.00; authorizing the City Manager and the Director of Finance to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Subrecipient Funding Agreement (Shelter Plus Care 1 Tenant Based Assistance -- 2020-2021) between the City and Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority to conduct a Shelter Plus Care 1 funded Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Administration Program in an amount not to exceed \$169,440.00.**

#### Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the proposed grant agreement. Mrs. Meadows explained the annual entitlement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development assists with the voucher costs for citizens transitioning from emergency shelter to permanent housing. Mrs. Meadows further described the significant increase in emergency housing needed at present time. Citizens requiring assistance with rentals, mortgages and utility payments may contact the City's housing partner, Neighborhood Housing Partnership, at 937-322-4623.

Mrs. Chilton spoke on the reinstatement of evictions through the court system which were suspended during the pandemic. Mrs. Meadows indicated prolonged unemployment has added to the emergency housing need although 20 percent of citizens in emergency shelter are employed or have employment benefits.

Mr. Copeland indicated the federal unemployment assistance implemented during the pandemic would end soon and the moratorium on evictions would also end. Mrs. Meadows added the Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority continues to prepare permanent housing despite the impact of the pandemic.

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.

**162-20 Ordinance No. 20-200: Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the purchase of liquid chlorine for use by the City's Water Treatment Plant, for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.**

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.

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**172-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-201: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into a Cooperative Agreement to finance the water and sewer portions of the CLA McCreight Avenue Project, PID No. 104831 with the Ohio Water Development Authority ("OWDA"); 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.

**162-17 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-202: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 8 to the contract between the City and Moody's of Dayton, Inc. for the Well/Pump Cleaning and Rehabilitation Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$10,148.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,654,261.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 8; 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.

**204-16** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-203: Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Trash Pick-Up at Various City Facilities, for an amount not to exceed \$8,404.20; and declaring an emergency therein.

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional detail on the trash hauler contracts. Service Director Moore stated two haulers are selected for overall pricing with one hauler and special accommodations for the City's two facilities with parking garages with the other hauler.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance passed.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**203-16** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-204: Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. for Trash Pick-Up at Various City Facilities, for an amount not to exceed \$12,856.27; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance passed.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**183-19** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-205: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the Emergency Construction Contract between the City and A & B Asphalt Corporation for the ramp repair at Spectra Jet at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$6,370.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$92,878.26; and declaring an emergency therein.

On 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.

**266-14** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-206: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 2 to the contract between the City and J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the CLA Belmont Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 Project, PID No. 94814, Rebid, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,668.81, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,658,450.18; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 2; and declaring an emergency therein.

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.

**205-18** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-207: Authorizing the increase of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$27,204.34, for a total cost not to exceed \$84,955.52, for additional work for 15 street lights on the Broadway Street Reconstruction Project by Ohio Edison; 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.

**173-20** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-208: Authorizing the purchase of four Light Transit Narrow Body Vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$338,088.00, from TESCO, through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 5513.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency therein.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional detail on the proposed vehicles. Finance Director Beckdahl stated the light duty buses would be used for ADA and paratransit transportation and are completely funded by ODOT. The four new vehicles would replace three existing busses and add one to the fleet.

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.

**NEW ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**174-20** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-209: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement by and between The City of Springfield, Ohio and the International Union of Police Associations (Police Clerks, et al); directing the implementation and performance of the provisions of such agreement; 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.

**175-20** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-210: Approving general salary increases for non-bargaining unit employees pursuant to Section 175.03(c) of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio; authorizing the City Manager to do all things necessary to implement such increases; 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.

### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

**7-20** Mrs. Chilton asked Mrs. Meadows to speak on an upcoming Engaged Neighborhood event. Mrs. Meadows described Community Development staff working with Promise Partners and the Gammon House engaging youth in camps to learn about signal quilts used in connection with the Underground Railroad. The youth created their own signal quilt designs that will be painted as street murals. A portion of Center and Clark streets near the Gammon House will be closed on September 19, 2020, for the painting.

**89-20** Dr. Estrop asked Mr. Heck and Mr. Beckdahl to provide updates on city operations and finances.

Mr. Heck reviewed the status of city staff and operations with one employee currently on leave with a positive case of COVID-19. Services continue fairly normally.

Mr. Heck also spoke on the public engagement sessions related to the redevelopment of the former Kroger property with smaller leadership groups scheduled to meet soon.

Mr. Beckdahl reported the City's finances are continuing to hold steady with over \$13.6 million in unencumbered General Fund cash and total cash balance of \$73 million with all major funds.

Dr. Estrop thanked all City staff members for continuing to provide services to the citizens. Mr. Copeland agreed.

**7-20** Mrs. Chilton asked for details on the upcoming appreciation event for the Springfield City Area Transit drivers. Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs stated the appreciation event including lunch and recognition for transit drivers would be on Wednesday, August 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bus Garage located at 100 West Jefferson Street.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

**7-20** The Clerk read an email from Ms. Deborah Caraway, 2972 Alameda Drive, asking when the traffic light at North Limestone Street and Harding Road would be replaced. Service Director Moore explained the traffic signal pole had been damaged during a wind storm. Production delays for the hardware have postponed the delivery and installation until the beginning of 2021.

Mr. Rue spoke on excessive traffic speed on North Limestone Street. Mrs. Chilton added she had received speed complaints for South Limestone Street as well. Police Chief Graf indicated the Safe Streets Task Force continue to work on traffic enforcement to address the problem.

### COMMUNICATIONS

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

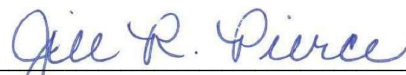
**176-20** Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit request for GSK Land LLC dba Sunny Drive Thru, 915 North Belmont Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45503.

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There being no further business, on a motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION