

**The City of Springfield, Ohio**  
**City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 22, 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 Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, members approved the minutes of the September 8, 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:

**166-20**     **Approving an amendment to the existing OPD-H Development Plan located in the Derby Glen Village Subdivision to remove the requirement for installation of public sidewalks.**

**211-17**     **Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew agreements with The Huntington National Bank for Treasury Management/Depository Services and Security Custody Services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.**

**007-19**     **Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 33107 - Amendment No. 1 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA Sidewalk Project, PID No. 109478 to provide clarity regarding the funding sources.**

~~~~~ Next regular City Commission meeting: October 6, 2020. ~~~~~

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**178-20**     **Ordinance No. 20-224: Authorizing the annexation of and establishment of services to be furnished to the property owners at 4401 S. Charleston Pike upon annexation to The City of Springfield, Ohio; and authorizing Jason T. Irick, Assistant Law Director, to prosecute the proceedings necessary to effect the annexation.**

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.

**179-20**     **Ordinance No. 20-225: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for the City's 2020 Collection of Fall Bagged Leaves Program for an amount not to exceed \$57,500.00.**

Discussion

Service Director Moore stated the leaf pickup dates are scheduled for Saturday, November 7, and Saturday, December 5, 2020.

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.

**180-20**     **Ordinance No. 20-226: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gary Gilbert, Jr. dba Gilbert's Lawn Service for abatement and nuisance conditions services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

Discussion

Mr. O'Neill asked if the proposed contract and the two following would be for \$40,000 per vendor or \$40,000 for all services combined. City Manager Heck stated the authorization would be not to exceed \$40,000 for all services and could be divided amongst three available vendors.

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.

**181-20**     **Ordinance No. 20-227: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with OMAC Hauling, Inc. for abatement and nuisance conditions services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

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.

**182-20 Ordinance No. 20-228: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Whitaker Hauling for abatement and nuisance conditions services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

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.

**183-20 Ordinance No. 20-229: Authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of a 1997 Navistar 4900 bucket truck, being property owned by the City and no longer needed for municipal purposes and should be disposed of pursuant to Codified Ordinance Section 149.03.**

#### Discussion

Mr. O'Neill asked for additional details on the disposal of this truck. Mr. Heck explained the bucket truck would be donated to the Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center (CTC) for use by the forestry/natural resources students. Disposal of vehicles, machinery, and other equipment is typically sold via the online auction site Govdeals.com, but the school's students could benefit from having bucket truck experience.

Mrs. Chilton asked if the CTC students work for the City as seasonal employees or interns. Mr. Heck stated that CTC students are often hired seasonally. Dr. Estrop added auto maintenance students may also learn from the donated truck.

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:

**14-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-230: Providing for Supplemental Appropriations within various funds; 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.

**233-06 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-231: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Promissory Note between the City and the Ohio Development Services Agency fka the Director of Development, State of Ohio ("ODSA"); and declaring an emergency therein.**

#### Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional detail on the promissory note. Finance Director Beckdahl explained the Ohio Department of Development suspended payments on the City's hospital development loan due to the pandemic. The amendment allows for the re-amortization of the payments of the nearly \$400,000 balance which will be paid by February 2022.

On motion of Mr. Rue, 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.

**189-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-232: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with Montgomery County and other various participating agencies for the purpose of obtaining and providing additional emergency police protection services for the residents of the City of Springfield and other participating agencies upon their request; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, 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.

**164-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-233: Authorizing an increase in the cost associated with the construction of two covered storage facilities from ClearSpan, for an amount not to exceed \$2,750.08, for a total amount not to exceed \$85,007.97, through Sourcewell, pursuant to the Sourcewell Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency therein.**

#### Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked how the storage facilities would be used. Mr. Moore stated the buildings would be located at the Service Center and used for additional road salt storage and for sand and gravel used for water line repair projects.

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.

**207-18** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-234: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 4 to the contract between the City and Associated Excavating, Inc. for the Northern Heights Water and Sewer Improvements Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$42,366.61, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,090,766.86, and to extend the contract completion date to July 10, 2020; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 4; and declaring an emergency therein.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional details of the change order. Mr. Moore stated most of the changes reflect unexpected underground utility issues discovered during the construction process.

On 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.

**129-19** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-235: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Consulting Engineering Services [Eastern Pressure District Water Upgrades - Phase 2 Preliminary and Detailed Design] with Burgess & Niple, Inc. to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,982.99, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,043,085.99; 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.

**6-19A** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-236: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Modification No. 1 to Agreement No. 34148 with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for the CLA Yellow Springs Street Reconstruction, PID No. 109491, to increase the agreement amount by \$37,374.00 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$627,881.00; and declaring an emergency therein.

Discussion

Dr. Estrop asked for additional detail on the project, and Mr. Moore explained changes include separating a combined storm sewer and extending storm sewers. The project is funded by federal highway funds.

Mrs. Chilton asked for timeline for the project, and Mr. Moore stated one phase would be out for bid in the spring of 2023 and the second phase would be spring of 2024.

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.

**4-17** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-237: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 30082 - Amendment No. 3 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA McCreight Avenue Project, PID No. 104831 to provide clarity regarding the funding sources; 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.

**6-19B** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-238: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 33109 - Amendment No. 3 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA Yellow Springs Street Reconstruction, Phase 1, PID No. 109491 to provide clarity regarding the funding sources; and declaring an emergency therein.

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.

**126-20** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-239: Finding that public safety personnel are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and declaring an emergency therein.

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 legislation was presented for the first time:

**190-20** Emergency Resolution No. 6092: Accepting the amounts and rates allocated to The City of Springfield, Ohio, as determined by the Budget Commission of Clark County, Ohio; authorizing the necessary tax levies; providing for the certification of this Resolution and the tax levies to the County Auditor of Clark County, Ohio; and declaring an emergency therein.

Discussion

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional detail on the tax rate allocations. Mr. Beckdahl confirmed that the City's General Fund is funded by income tax collection. However, a small amount is collected through real estate tax in the

following allocations: The Special Police Levy receives 3 mills, the Police and Fire Pension receives .6 mills, and the Springfield Conservancy District receives 0.49 mills.

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.

### **RESOLUTION**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**191-20      Resolution No. 6093:    Supporting the rescission of House Bill 6 ("HB 6") and the restoration of alternative energy targets.**

Dr. Estrop read the resolution language which was requested by a local alternative energy group.

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.

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

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**192-20      Resolution No. 6094:    Reappointing Sabrina Tackett to the National Trail Parks and Recreation District Board of Trustees; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, 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.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**89-20**      Dr. Estrop asked for an update on operations and the City's finances during the pandemic.

Mr. Heck commented there are very few employees in quarantine with operations performing normally. Street paving as part of the Neighborhood Street Program would begin soon following preparations completed by the Service Department staff. Mr. Heck thanked the Community Development Department staff for their work with the Engaged Neighborhood Plan and the Gammon House. Street murals of quilt patterns related to the Underground Railroad were painted by students near the Gammon House.

Mr. Heck announced citizens would be permitted to return in person to the City Commission meetings beginning with the regular meeting on October 6. New signage and temperature stations were installed in preparation and face coverings are required.

Mr. Beckdahl stated the City's cash balances remain on track but are slightly lower than the same period in 2019 thanks to responsibly managing spending and resources.

Dr. Estrop commented on other cities not as fortunate as Springfield with their finances. Dr. Estrop also noted the community has responded well and the City would not be in the same position without the income tax levy.

Mr. Copeland noted local businesses operating well is key to the local economy considering the income tax is the primary revenue source for the City.

**134-20**      Mr. Heck also spoke on small stakeholder and community group meetings held to discuss the South Limestone Street redevelopment project. City staff and representatives of Dillin Corp. joined the meetings.

**7-20**      Mrs. Chilton announced October 5, 2020, is the last day to register to vote in the November election.

Mrs. Chilton also thanked the organizers of the Leaders of Change for the townhall meeting held on September 5, 2020, and Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs for her work in recognizing the local bus drivers on Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

Mr. O'Neill announced the local beggars night would be held on Saturday, October 31, 2020, per the Clark County Sheriff.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**7-20**      Prior to the meeting's roll call, Commissioner O'Neill presented a proclamation from Mayor Copeland proclaiming September 22 through 24, 2020, as Small Business Week in Springfield. Accepting the proclamation virtually was Rob Alexander, Executive Director of the Small Business Development Center.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communication was received and filed:



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karan R. Copeland". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill R. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION