

**The City of Springfield, Ohio  
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 6, 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. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the September 22, 2020, Work Session, Public Hearing, 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:

**193-20 Authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of a 3D Printer, 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.**

*For Paper* Next regular City Commission meeting: October 20, 2020. *6/6/6*

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**166-20 Ordinance No. 20-240: 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.**

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.

**211-17 Ordinance No. 20-241: 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.**

Dr. Estrop confirmed he did not have a conflict of interest for this legislative item as a Huntington customer.

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.

**7-19 Ordinance No. 20-242: 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.**

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.

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**25-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-243: Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor, 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.

**194-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-244: Confirming and approving the adoption of a Revised City Investment and Deposit Policy, and authorizing the City's Finance Director to do all things deemed necessary to implement and apply the Revised City Investment and Deposit Policy, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop asked for a description of the proposed changes. Finance Director Beckdahl explained the change would allow the City to invest up to 80 percent of the City's portfolio with Star Ohio in light of favorable interest rates. The current maximum investment rate is 40 percent. Mr. Beckdahl added the City's Treasurer checks rates weekly.

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.

**144-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-245: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with B & B Sealing LLC, dba Dura Seal for the Crack Seal & Joint Repair on Runway 06/24 Project at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport for an amount not to exceed \$129,537.50, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop commented the airport is an important economic development tool for the community and complimented the recent newspaper article featuring the airport.

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.

**204-18 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-246: Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Polydyne, Inc. for the purchase of Liquid Polymer for use by the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, for an amount not to exceed \$67,596.00; confirming and approving related expenditures from September 30, 2020 to the passage of this Ordinance, and declaring an emergency therein.**

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.

**4-18 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-247: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the contract for the purchase of water meter equipment with Everett J. Prescott, Inc. to increase the contract amount by \$100,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$730,784.65, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the requested increase. Service Director Moore explained the project includes replacement of more large-scale meters which are much more expensive. A residential meter costs \$119 and the larger commercial meters are \$1,500.

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.

**224-18 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-248: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Springfield Comprehensive Housing Strategic Planning and Policy Development Consulting Agreement with Greater Ohio Policy Center, Inc. ("GOPC") to extend the contract completion date for a period of one year, 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.

**105-20a Emergency Ordinance No. 20-249: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 37472 - Amendment No. 1 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA - Spgfld. N. Burnett/Columbus Project, PID No. 110976 to increase funding for construction and to provide clarity regarding the funding sources, and declaring an emergency therein.**

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.

**153-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-20: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 3 to the contract between the City and Kokosing Industrial, Inc. for the Erie Interceptor Express Sewer Project to increase the contract amount by \$326,615.15, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$21,007,406.62; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 3, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop requested additional detail on the requested increase. Mr. Moore explained the requested amount of over \$326,000 equates to 4.1 percent of this \$21 million project. The larger expenses in the change order of 50 items includes paving Skinner Lane, manhole replacements, and replacing a fuel pipeline along with removal of contaminated soil. Mr. Moore stated the project began in 2011.

City Manager Heck added this project is one of two very large projects in the City's history along with the High Rate Treatment Facility built at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Both are part of the Long Term Control Plan.

Mr. Copeland commented this \$21 million project was required by the federal government. All cities in Ohio were required to address the water and wastewater treatment issues at their own expense.

Mr. O'Neill asked how long it will take to pay off the expense, and Mr. Beckdahl stated 30 years.

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.

**53-20 Emergency Ordinance No. 20-251: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 2 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 \$23,072.60, for a total amount not to exceed \$806,627.60, and to extend the contract completion date to October 2, 2020; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 2, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Mrs. Chilton asked for the service replacement locations. Mr. Moore stated work was done on portions of

Van Buren, Euclid, Fostoria, Maplewood, Florence, Linden and Oakwood Place ahead of future paving projects.

Mr. Copeland commented the additional income tax generated by the levy provides the funding for these neighborhood street projects.

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.

**105-20b     Emergency Ordinance No. 20-252: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Perram Electric, Inc. for the CLA - Spgfld. N. Burnett/Columbus Project, PID No. 110976, Rebid, for an amount not to exceed \$87,567.00, 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.

**50-20       Emergency Ordinance No. 20-253: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 2 to the contract between the City and Sterling Quality Concrete, LLC for the 2020 Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Program, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$43,710.38, for a total amount not to exceed \$278,436.32; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 2, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop requested additional information on the requested change order. Mr. Moore reminded commissioners that sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement notices were not served to property owners earlier this year in light of the expected economic impact of the pandemic. The change order was for work done on Euclid Avenue making the connection to the nearby bike path more accessible.

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.

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

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**195-20     Emergency Ordinance No. 20-254: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a 129 Agreement with Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield, Inc. ("IHN") for Homeless Sheltering Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic; confirming and approving services provided under the 129 Agreement from March 20, 2020 to the passage of this Ordinance; and declaring an emergency therein.**

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.

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

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**196-20     Resolution No. 6095: Declaring homelessness a public health crisis in the City of Springfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency therein.**

Health Commissioner Charles Patterson thanked the commissioners for their efforts in addressing homelessness. Mr. Patterson also thanked City staff for working hard for the citizens during a critical time worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**89-20**       At the beginning of the meeting per Codified Ordinance Section 115.01, Mr. Copeland announced to the Commissioners that he signed the termination of the Mayoral Proclamation and Executive Order and Amendments 1-3. Terminating the proclamation allows for the return of the regular operations of the City and open public meetings as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

**7-20**       Dr. Estrop asked about street work in the downtown area, and Mr. Heck explained Columbia Gas is replacing pipeline under the downtown streets. Mr. Heck added temporary patches in the sidewalk area would be replaced with permanent sidewalk following completion of the project.

**89-20**       Dr. Estrop asked the City Manager and Finance Director for an update on city operations and finances.

Mr. Heck reported a low number of employees currently impacted by the COVID-19 virus, and the Police officer who has battled the illness continues improve. Operations are continuing normal with increased opportunities for public to interact with staff. This meeting is the first to allow public attendance with safety precautions, and the Building Regulations staff are now available to meet with public by appointment only in City Hall.

Mr. Beckdahl stated the City's finances continue to do well with September ending less than 3 percent behind the same time period in 2019 for income tax collection. Mr. Beckdahl commended the staff's efforts to keep spending down.

Dr. Estrop spoke of the local economy continuing to do well during this time, and thanked local businesses and citizens continuing to work as compared to many other cities in Ohio and across the country.

Mr. Heck added the strategic plan of the City and its community partners to diversify the economic base of Springfield maintained a variety of businesses who were able to continue working. The area has not been dependent on one specific industry as the primary employer.

**134-20** Mr. Heck updated commissioners on the South Limestone and former Kroger building redevelopment project. Staff met with the developer who continues to work on a business plan and cost estimates. The City obtained \$2.5 million to start the redevelopment of the South Limestone Street corridor from Leffel Lane north to Landsdowne Avenue. Staff applied for nearly \$5 million additional funding from the state for the next phase of Landsdowne to Singer Street.

**7-20** Mrs. Chilton stated the City of Springfield offices would be open on Columbus Day observed on Monday, October 12, 2020.

**7-20** Mr. O'Neill stated Beggar's Night would be observed on Saturday, October 31, 2020, per the Clark County Sheriff following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

**7-20** Mr. Copeland welcomed the citizens attending the meeting in person for the first time since March 2020.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

**126-20** Notification from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds authorized by the CARES Act.

**190-20** File-stamped copy of Resolution No. 6092 as filed with the Clark County Auditor.



There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m..

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION