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**SPRINGFIELD, OH (Sept. 25, 2020)**

#### **City Commission Passes Resolution in Support of House Bill 6 Rescission**

The Springfield City Commission on Tuesday, Sept. 22 voted unanimously on a resolution to support the rescission of Ohio House Bill 6 (HB 6) and the restoration of alternative energy targets.

House Bill 6 effectively bailed out some energy companies by creating statewide fees to support select energy companies, and therefore eliminating all alternative energy targets and incentives. Multiple criminal indictments have occurred since the passage of HB 6, including the Ohio Speaker of the House of Representatives.

“This comes to the commission from our alternative energy group. The Springfield City Commission believes that all laws based on the passage of HB 6 should be rescinded as soon as possible and new legislation passed that restores alternative energy targets, adds new energy incentives and new energy options for the people of Springfield and Ohio,” said Springfield City Commissioner David Estrop.

Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland said Tuesday’s resolution was in order due to energy dependency and environmental factors.

“Since we’ve discovered a lot of gas and oil in Ohio lately, we’ve become more and more dependent on that, which really has a much more negative effect on the environment, especially global warming,” said Copeland.

Estrop said that City Commission needed to take a formal position in the interest of moving alternative energy options ahead.

“In essence what we’re trying to do is stimulate the development of more alternative energy to break the hold that some energy companies have on the state as a monopoly, and we think that given all that surrounds the passage of House Bill 6, we need to go on record as a Commission to call for rescission of this bill,” Estrop said.

The next meeting of the Springfield City Commission will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Forum.

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