

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
City Council Chambers**

PRE-COUNCIL SESSION

Deputy City Clerk Rianne Hawkins called the Pre Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center West.

Deputy City Clerk Hawkins read the ordinances on the order of First Reading and assigned to the Committee of the Whole.

2015-001 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION PLAN FOR NON-EXEMPT, NON-UNION EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 36.42 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-002 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES, LOCAL UNION #90, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-003 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE 2015 PLANNING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE SPRINGFIELD-SANGAMON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$171,000.00 FROM JANUARY 1, 2015, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-004 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING LARRY HARVELL AND REAPPOINTING KATHERINE STARKS LAWRENCE, MARTIN RYAN, ANTHONY SCHUERING AND JUDGE STUART SHIFFMAN TO THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-005 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF HENRIK RASMUSSEN, PEGGY RYDER AND BRIAN CROWDSON TO THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL VISITORS **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-006 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR IWI VENTURES, LLC, D/B/A NOODLES & COMPANY, 2575 W. WABASH AVENUE **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TYLER HORNBACK, A CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FIREFIGHTER, TO SETTLE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 12-WC-038977 **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-008 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH ROUND PRAIRIE WATER COOP REGARDING SECURITY FOR A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOAN, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-009 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT UE15-12-68 – MCW NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT WITH SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$176,308.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-010 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANTS FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,688.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-011 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINTCOM, INC. FOR A CELL SITE AT THE 2221 OLD JACKSONVILLE ROAD WATER TANK FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-012 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT UW15-11-67 – QUICKLIME FOR THE WATER PURIFICATION PLANT FOR A TWO YEAR TERM WITH MISSISSIPPI LIME COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,549,890.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-013 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT AND AFFIDAVIT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR JOB NO. P-96-211-09, OBLIGATION NUMBER AL10416 AND MFT SECTION 08-00463-00-BR, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 19, 2017, REGARDING THE CAMP LINCOLN ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT 1 TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EXTEND THE DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE BIO-SWALE AND STORMWATER CAPTURE AND REUSE PROJECT TO JUNE 30, 2015, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-015 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH, AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,375.00 TO, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG DIRKSEN PARKWAY FROM MAYDEN STREET / BISSELL ROAD TO NORTHFIELD DRIVE (MFT SECTION # 15-STATE-00-TL) FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2015-016 A RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,375.00 MAY BE USED FOR PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ALONG DIRKSEN PARKWAY FROM MAYDEN STREET/BISSELL ROAD TO NORTHFIELD DRIVE, MFT

SECTION 15-STATE-00-TL, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

Next, Deputy City Clerk Hawkins read the ordinances that were on the order of consent.

2014-454 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34.42 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO THE FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-455 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING ARTICLE XIX, SECTIONS 110.901 THROUGH 110.917 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-456 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN D. NATION AND APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS HARNEY TO THE SPRINGFIELD ELECTRICAL COMMISSION (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-458 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DRAKE, NARUP & MEAD, P.C. FOR RANDALL A. MEAD TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING SANGAMON COUNTY COURT CASE NO. 2008-L-176, *MARY YARBOROUGH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ERIC JONES* v. *CITY WATER LIGHT & POWER AND CITY OF SPRINGFIELD*, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-460 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RYAN VOGEL, AN OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYEE, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CLAIM NUMBER 14294E129475 (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-461 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 13-SR-0006 WITH HELPING HANDS OF SPRINGFIELD, INC. FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1023 E. WASHINGTON STREET FOR USE AS AN EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER UTILIZING THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-462 AN ORDINANCE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS "N" LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR GMRI, INC. D/B/A OLIVE GARDEN ITALIAN RESTAURANT, 2991 VETERANS PARKWAY (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-463 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CELLET TRAVEL SERVICES LTD FOR TOURISM/TRADE REPRESENTATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2015, THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2014-464 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 UNDER CONTRACT NO. UE15-03-02 WITH MARTIN EQUIPMENT OF ILLINOIS, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE OF \$375,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2014-468 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES ON WABASH AVENUE AT WEST WHITE OAKS DRIVE AND ROBBINS ROAD, MFT SECTION #15-STATE-01-TL, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2014-469 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC., FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STANFORD AVENUE EXTENSION FROM 11TH STREET TO FOX BRIDGE ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$399,015.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2014-470 A RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT THE CITY MAY SPEND \$399,015.00 OF ITS ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EXTENSION OF STANFORD AVENUE FROM 11TH STREET TO FOX BRIDGE ROAD **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2014-471 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AND THE SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$231,417.00 FROM MARCH 1, 2014, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2015, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2014-472 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AND THE SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BOARD OF HEALTH FOR BOARDING OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,510.00 FROM MARCH 1, 2014, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2015, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2014-473 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 186 REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS FROM JANUARY 6, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 2, 2015 **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

The Pre-Council session concluded at 5:06pm.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Houston called to order the January 6, 2015 City Council meeting at 5:30pm. He asked everyone to join with him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Clerk Tumulty took the roll call of members.

PRESENT: Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒, Alderman McDonough☒, and Mayor Houston☒.

ABSENT: Alderman Dove ☒

Alderman Simpson made a motion pursuant to the remote attendance policy established by Ordinance 14-01-07 to allow Alderman Turner to participate in the meeting remotely. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes. Alderman Turner was allowed to attend the meeting via remote attendance.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 16, 2014 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to incorporate the pre-council first reading of ordinances into the record of the Council meeting. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to incorporate the pre-council reading of the consent agenda into the record of the Council meeting. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to remove Agenda Items 2014-454 and 2014-455 from the consent agenda and place them onto the debate agenda. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Alderman Jobe made a motion to place the revised consent agenda on final passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman McMenamin.

Alderman Cahnman asked Deputy Police Chief Dennis Arnold for more information on Agenda Item 2014-473 with Springfield School District 186. Deputy Chief Arnold stated that the last contract that the City had with Springfield School District 186 was a two year contract, which covered 2011-2014. Alderman Cahnman stated that there was only one point in which there were not police officers in the schools, the Fall of 2014. He asked if during that time, the school district employed off duty officers to cover the schools. Deputy Chief Arnold stated that they had.

The motion for final passage on the revised consent agenda passed with a vote of 9-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-454, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34, Section 34.42 Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, Pertaining To The Foreign Fire Insurance Board. Alderman McMenamin made a motion to place Agenda Item 2014-454 on final passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe.

Alderman McMenamin made a motion to adopt proposed Amendment 1 to Agenda Item 2014-454. His motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe.

Alderman McMenamin explained that the amendment would require that the Foreign Fire Insurance Board give to the City Council Coordinator, a copy of the independent auditor's report that is required to be conducted each year. From there, the Council Coordinator could distribute the item to the Council each year. Mayor Houston suggested adding the Office of the Mayor to the amendment as well.

Alderman Edwards asked for clarification on the order of business. Mayor Houston stated that he had requested that the Office of the Mayor be added to the distribution list. Alderman Edwards expressed concern with the process.

Alderman McMenamin made a motion to adopt Amendment 2 that would include the Office of the Mayor. His motion was seconded by Alderman Theilen.

The motion to adopt Amendment 1 to Agenda Item 2014-454 passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

The motion to adopt Amendment 2 to Agenda Item 2014-454 passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Agenda Item 2014-454, As Amended passed with a vote of 9-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-455, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 110 Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, By Adding Article XIX, Sections 110.901 Through 110.917 Regarding Transportation Network Company Services. Alderman Jobe made a motion to place Agenda Item 2014-455 on final passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman Cahnman.

Alderman Jobe made a motion to adopt proposed Amendment 1 to Agenda Item 2014-455. His motion was seconded by Alderman McMenamin.

Alderman Jobe explained that the amendment was put together at the request of Alderman Cahnman. He stated that the amendment deals with the sharing of insurance information between the driver and the passenger. He stated that the General Manager of Uber is in the audience to answer questions. He stated that that information is already shared with the passenger through the app. He stated that they are okay with the amendment to clarify the language.

Alderman Edwards stated that he had received calls from insurance agents in regards to this ordinance. He stated that they have stated that according to their policies, this type of activity would not be covered under the driver's insurance. He asked if the potential drivers need to notify their insurance companies that they are engaging in this ride sharing activities. Mr. Chris Taylor, the General Manager for Uber in Chicago and Illinois. He stated that there is nothing that prohibits an insurance company from excluding

ride sharing activity in a driver's personal policy. He stated that that is why the company has contingent coverage and primary coverage, depending on what activity in which the driver is engaged. He stated that the driver is covered as soon as they turn the app on. He stated that as soon as that person has accepted a trip and is on their way to pick up a passenger and when they have the passenger in the vehicle, they are covered by \$1Million of personal liability insurance coverage.

Alderman Edwards asked how this ordinance fits in with the ordinances regarding taxi cabs. Mayor Houston stated that it fits more in with what the City does with limousine services, of which there is no regulation. He stated that it is another type of service that is available. He stated that a taxi company is dispatching someone who has called the company. He stated that everything that is done with these companies is done through their smart phones. Alderman Edwards stated that it is his understanding of the app is that it is still a type of dispatch that connects drivers with riders. He stated that it is the same kind of dispatch that occurs with the cab companies. He stressed the need for fairness. He stated that the City regulates what the cab companies can charge per mile, while Uber can set their own rates. He stated that there should be cohesiveness that the rules should apply across the board. He stated that the cab companies have to deal all of the additional regulations and these types of companies do not.

Alderman Jobe disputed some of the statements made by Alderman Edwards. He stated that limousine services conduct their businesses without being in City Code. He stated that Uber approached the City to place in regulation regarding ride sharing companies. He stated that the market will drive the price of the rides and that Uber presents another consumer choice. He stated that it is a collection of entrepreneurial drivers to make extra income. He stated that there is a 3rd party company that does background checks and the insurance policy. He stated that it is more than anyone becoming a driver without going through those checks. He stated that drivers need to pass a background check, the cars have to meet certain specifications all prior to them becoming an Uber driver. He stated that putting it in City Code is the logical thing to do. He stated that they could have come into the community and operated with no regulations. He stated that he has not received any complaints from cab companies about limousine services operating in Springfield. He stated that they are specifically putting this in City Code to address this new ride sharing drivers.

Alderman Edwards stated that they are a company with a massive investment. He stated that their shares are more than United Airlines. He stated that there are local taxi cab companies who are being forced into a different set of rules. He stated that there is no comparison between someone at a wedding riding a limousine versus what a taxi cab company does. He stated that he has concerns that the playing field been kept the same for all of the companies that do essentially the same thing. He stated that the companies are providing the same type of service. He urged that the rules should be the same across the board for everyone. He stated that he understands the technology and that it is a new type of service, but they should have to go through the same licensing process that the taxi cab companies must go through.

Alderman Theilen stated that in the research that he conducted, the reason why this needs to be put into City Code is because state statues do not define ride sharing companies like a taxi cab company. He stated that if the state statues had defined Uber as a taxi cab company, then they would have to operate under the same ordinances as the taxi companies. He stated that they can come in like a livery service and not have any restrictions or codes on them under the City Code. He stated that there would have been nothing that the City Council could have done to stop them. Alderman Jobe stated his agreement with the statements made by Alderman Theilen. Alderman Edwards disputed the statements made by Alderman Theilen. He went on to state that livery services require a special licenses from the State. Alderman Theilen stated that Uber is not classified as a livery service. He stated that the state statute

has classified them as a ride sharing service. He stated that in looking at the ordinance, it looks like Uber is trying to be above board by putting something into City Code. He stated that he does believe that there will need to be further amendments made as the service gets operating. He stated that the concept is new and that changes will surely have to be made. He stated that if the City does not do anything then there are no rules. CC Greenburg stated his agreement.

Alderman Theilen stated that he did research on the company. He asked Mr. Taylor to give details about a recent incident that happened in Chicago. He asked for him to give more details on what the company does to protect people who use the service from people that might share their licenses or drivers that have not been approved. Mr. Taylor explained that account sharing is strictly prohibited in a driver's terms of service. He stated that there is a zero tolerance policy for that activity. He went on to state that any evidence of that type of sharing results in the immediate deactivation and termination of the partnership. He stated that there are several things that allow for the platform to be safe and provide for accountability. He stated that when someone submits their documentation and photos to Uber to become a driver, there is a human review of the documentation. He stated that when anyone attempts to change photos, the Company does audits of the records. He stated that they also run what they call a "safety street team", that will run random audits to ensure the correct information is in the app, including the picture of the vehicle and the license plate number of the car.

Alderman Theilen asked for clarification on a particular incident that had occurred where the husband had used the wife's information and his picture to apply to become a driver. Mr. Taylor stated that it was the wife that had applied and was approved. He stated that the husband had fraudulently got onto the platform and swapped out the information. He stated that they were both operating under fraudulent means and their partnerships were terminated. Alderman Theilen stated that his reasoning for bringing up the incident is to show that the company does have safeguards in place. Mr. Taylor stated that in their business of competing for riders, they take safety very seriously. He stated that they are constantly improving their safety.

Alderman Theilen asked if when a rider posts that they would like a ride, if they also indicate the amount that they are willing to spend for that ride. Mr. Taylor stated that other companies have bidding systems, but that the way that Uber works is that the rate is set by Uber and they are clearly communicated within the app. He stated that they also have posted the rate structure on their website. He stated that the rate is also in the app. He stated that entering in a destination will also give an estimate on what the fare will be.

Alderman Simpson stated that her concern is with the safety of the public. She asked for clarification on the process. She asked if the riders will know who is driving them. She pointed out that in most taxi cabs, the picture of the driver is posted for the riders. Mr. Taylor stated that the same is available within the app. He stated that when a rider requests a ride and it is confirmed, the driver's picture and vehicle, their license plate number and the make and model of the car are all provided before they driver arrives. He stated that they run a thorough background check and all of the drivers are vetted before they get onto the platform. He stated that a third party vendor does the background check goes back seven years and checks a multitude of state and federal criminal databases, local, state and county records. He stated that they also conduct checks through national sex offender registries and motor vehicle history of that driver. Alderman Simpson asked what similar markets to Springfield that Uber has launched in. Mr. Taylor stated that they have opened up in over 100 cities in the United States. He stated that they have recently launched in towns of 50,000 people and above including West Lafayette, Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. He stated that they are also hoping to launch in places like Springfield, Peoria and Rockford.

He stated that the goal is to bring easier and safe transportation options to consumers and earning opportunity for drivers who may want to drive part time. He stated that in Cities outside of Chicago, public transit is not as reliable and the density of people does not allow for a street hail of a taxi cab. He stated that they can change the way that people get around at peak times.

Alderman Simpson asked how Mayor Houston and Alderman Jobe came up with the fee amount for the permit. Mayor Houston stated that it was done at the suggestion of Uber. Alderman Jobe stated that he intends to bring forth an amendment that would raise that fee to \$1,500.00.

Alderman Lesko asked if a rider can request certain drivers in the area. Mr. Taylor stated that the way that their system works is that it goes to the closest driver first. He stated that the reason for that is that the company wants the rider to wait the shortest amount of time to get a ride. He stated that also, they also want the driver to drive the shortest distance to pick up the rider. He stated that that means that the driver stays busier and earns more money. He stated that a rider cannot request specific drivers.

Alderman Edwards stated that it all comes down to money. He stated that the taxi cab companies are required to get licenses with the City and those drivers have earning opportunities as well. He stated that it seems unfair to not make this ridesharing company go through the same hoops as the taxi cabs. He stated that this company has found a way to operate at a cheaper rate. He stressed that a taxi cab is a taxi cab. He stated that when a rate is imposed from point A to point B, it is a taxi cab. He stated that the method of dispatch is irrelevant. He stated that it might force the taxi cab companies to become ride sharing companies instead. He stressed the need for people doing the same thing to be treated in the same manner.

Alderman Cahnman stated it is his opinion that Uber is completely different from the taxi cab companies. He stated that they, and the other ride sharing companies do not accept cash. He stated that a consumer can only pay for it using a smart phone application through the customer's credit or debt card. He stated that Uber operates in Chicago and that there are still plenty of taxi cabs in Chicago. He stated that the market for rides can expand. He stated that when Uber comes in, they attract a different clientele. He stated that it is the duty of the City Council to satisfy the needs of their constituents. He stated that this gives them and visitors additional choices. He stated that it gives them greater choices to get around Springfield. He stated that he believes that it will improve the market in Springfield. He stated that he believes it to be a good ordinance and he urged the Council to pass it.

Alderman Cahnman asked for further clarification on the situation in which Alderman Theilen had referred. He asked if the rider had gotten a picture of the driver. Mr. Taylor clarified that the husband was operating fraudulently. He stated that he had swapped that photo out and replaced it with his own. He stated that the audit on that situation is still ongoing and that Uber is building processes to prevent that from happening again.

The motion to adopt Amendment 1 to Agenda Item 2014-455 passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Alderman Jobe made a motion to adopt Amendment 2 to Agenda Item 2014-455. His motion was seconded by Alderman Cahnman.

Alderman Jobe stated that Amendment 2 would increase the permit fee required from the ride sharing company from \$500 to \$1,500.

The motion to adopt Amendment 2 to Agenda Item 2014-455 passed with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Agenda Item 2014-455, As Amended passed with a vote of 8-1-0. Alderman Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes. Alderman Edwards☒ voted no.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-457, An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,139,723.00 For Garage Consolidation Purposes For The Office Of Budget And Management. Alderman Jobe made a motion to place Agenda Item 2014-457 on final passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman McMenamin. Agenda Item 2014-457 passed with a vote of 9-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes.

The remote connection with Ald. Turner was lost at 6:06pm.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-459, An Ordinance Authorizing An Agreement With Noll Law Office, LLC, For Legal Services Regarding U.S. District Court Case 13-3135, *Calvin Christian Iii V. City Of Springfield, Et Al.*, And Authorizing Payment For An Amount Not To Exceed \$42,000.00, **As Amended**. Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2014-459 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. Agenda Item 2014-459 passed with a vote of 7-0-1. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Lesko☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes. Alderman Cahnman☒ voted present

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-465, An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement With Carrollton Bank Trust Number 0113 For Annexation Of Property Located At 3949 Spaulding Orchard Road. Alderman Jobe made a motion to recess the regular meeting of the City Council for the purpose of holding a public hearing regarding Agenda Item 2014-465. His motion was seconded by Alderman Theilen. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular session of the City Council. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2014-465 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. Agenda Item 2014-465 passed with a vote of 8-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-466, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Described Real Property Located At 3949 Spaulding Orchard Road. Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2014-466 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. Agenda Item 2014-466 passed with a vote of 8-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2014-467, An Ordinance Accepting The Lowest Responsible Bid And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Number PW15-10-59 With Key Equipment And Supply Co. For The Purchase Of Two 2015 Elgin Pelican P Dual Street Sweepers In An Amount Not To Exceed \$376,140.00 For The Office Of Public Works. Alderman Lesko made a motion

to place Agenda Item 2014-467 on final passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. Agenda Item 2014-467 passed with a vote of 8-0-0. Alderman Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and McDonough☒ all voted yes.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and place on first reading Agenda Item 2015-017, An Ordinance Authorizing A Transfer Of Existing Budget Authority In The Amount Of \$30,000 From Personal Services To Contractual Services, For The Office Of Community Relations. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Alderman Cahnman congratulated Police Chief Ken Winslow on the birth of his daughter Alaina.

With no further business to come before the City Council, Alderman Jobe made a motion for adjournment. His motion was seconded by Alderman Theilen. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8-0-0.

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