

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 5:30pm

City Council Chambers

Pre-Council Session

City Clerk Frank Lesko called the Pre-Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order on Tuesday August 15, 2023.

City Council Session

A public hearing was held at 5:30 pm- 5:50 pm.

Mayor Misty Buscher called the August 15, 2023 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:50 PM. She invited everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lesko took the roll call of members.

PRESENT: Alderman Redpath☒, Alderman Gregory☒, Alderman Williams Jr.☒, Alderman Rockford☒, Alderwoman Purchase☒, Alderwoman Notariano☒, Alderman Carlson☒, Alderwoman Conley☒, Alderman Donelan☒, Alderman Hanauer☒ and Mayor Buscher☒

Clerk Lesko announced there was a quorum for a meeting.

Mayor Misty Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher invited Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette and Office of Planning and Economic Development Planning Coordinator Sai Joshi to give Build Springfield Presentation. Discussion had by Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette, Office of Planning and Economic Development Planning Coordinator Sai Joshi, Senior Director of Trauma Response and Community Engagement with SoundThinking and Alderpersons.

Mayor Misty Buscher began reading the Zoning Agenda items up for consideration.

DOC. 023-025

3740 W. Wabash Avenue

Ward 10

Alderman Hanauer motioned to accept the staff recommendation with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Alderman Conley motioned to accept staff recommendation with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. Discussion had by Brown, Hay & Stephen, LLP Daniel L. Hamilton and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

DOC. 023-027 2000 Peoria Road & 2010 Peoria Road (part of)

Alderman Rockford motioned to accept staff recommendation with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

City of Springfield Treasurer Office Manager Eric Ketchum gave the Treasurer's Report. Alderman Donelan motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher recognizes Office of Budget and Management Director Ramona Metzger for the OBM Report. Discussion had by Office of Budget and Management Purchasing Agent Mike Lesko and Alderman Gregory.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the July 25, 2023 Special City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Donelan motioned to approve the July 25, 2023 Special City Council minutes with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the August 2, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Hanauer to approve the August 2, 2023 City Council minutes with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Redpath motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda on final passage. Alderman Donelan motioned to put the Consent Agenda on final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9-1-0 voting yes with Alderman Gregory voting no.

Consent Agenda

2023-343 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-03-11 – COAL HOUSE ROAD 2023 IMPROVEMENTS WITH TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS CO., INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$376,947.82, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-344 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-06-34 – GROTH STREET LOT REPAVING - PHASE 3 WITH REYHAN BROS. INC. D/B/A SANGAMO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,782.40, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-345 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING APPROXIMATELY 310 FEET OF BOILER TUBES TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY, DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY BY DONATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPITOL AREA CAREER CENTER WELDING PROGRAM FOR THE DONATION OF SAID PROPERTY FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-346 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH HOMER TREE CARE, INC., TREE GUYS INC., JEFF BERKLER TREE REMOVAL, HOUSLEY TREE CO. & HD TREES, LLC FOR EMERGENCY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-347 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF GRANT 21-203419 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 FOR FUNDING THE PUBLIC WORKS ADOLFF LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-348 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$812,846.26 TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ARCHER ELEVATOR ROAD AND ILES AVENUE (MFT SECTION 15-00431-01-PV) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,642,846.26 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-349 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING EXPENSES FOR THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MFT SECTION 19-STATE-00-RR. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-350 AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AN AGREEMENT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC. TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-351 A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE, MFT SECTION NO. 15-00431-01-PV FOR THE ARCHER ELEVATOR AND ILES AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-352 A RESOLUTION FOR THE MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE, PERTAINING TO SPENDING MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS ON THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (MFT SECTION #19-STATE-00-RR) FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-353 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR INTRASTATE PROGRAM FOR MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Alderman Donelan)

2023-354 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH WHKS & CO ENGINEERING FOR THE WHEELER AVENUE ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$76,874.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-355 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “E” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR MALIBU JACK’S SPRINGFIELD, LLC D/B/A MALIBU JACK’S SPRINGFIELD LOCATED AT 2501 WABASH AVENUE.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-361 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 32.31 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO THE SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY OF CORPORATION COUNSEL.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-362 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RFP# MA24-14 WITH CLARK BAIRD SMITH LLP TO PROVIDE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES OF A LABOR RELATIONS ATTORNEY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-363 A RESOLUTION REFERRING A PETITION TO THE SPRINGFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 155, SECTIONS 155.496-155.498 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO ADULT-USE CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS MODIFYING SEPARATION PROVISIONS AND VARIANCES. **(Requested by Alderman Hanauer, Alderwoman Purchase, Alderman Gregory, Alderwoman Conley, Alderman Donelan)**

2023-364 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ONE PARCEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-365 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF FIVE PARCELS FOR A COLLECTIVE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-366 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 315-07-21 ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NO. CS22-08 WITH JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, FOR MUNICIPAL LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,515,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-367 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 426-12-14 ESTABLISHING THE SPRINGFIELD/SANGAMON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE, ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION – TAX ABATEMENT AND ORDINANCE 425-12-14, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SANGAMON COUNTY REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE BY EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCELS 14-27.0-352-018 AND 14-27.0-352-017. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-368 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLAND HOUSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-369 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SPENDING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO IDHA GRANT NO. 52370 (HOME REPAIR AND ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM – HRAP) THAT WAS ACCEPTED WITH ORDINANCE NO. 093-03-23. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-370 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FOUNDATION CORPORATION D/B/A KIDZEUM OF HEALTH & SCIENCE PURSUANT TO DCEO GRANT 23-336005.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-371 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RFP #22-05 TO INCLUDE A 26-MONTH CONTRACT WITH METLIFE, INC. TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) ADMINISTRATION AND PROCESSING, FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,000.00 DEPENDING ON EMPLOYEE HEAD COUNT, FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-372 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 220-05-22 ACCEPTING RFP #FD23-07 WITH MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX FIRE ENGINES AND ONE QUINT FIRE TRUCK REPLACING THE QUINT TRUCK WITH A PIERCE ENFORCER 107' TANDEM AERIAL TRUCK FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$312,175.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,509,126.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-373 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ROYCE SHAMHART, A CITY OF SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICER, FOR SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM NUMBER 21-WC-033279. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher read 2023-086, 2023-173, 2023-201, 2023-202 and 2023-203 remain tabled or in committee. No movement made.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to place agenda items 2023-356 through 2023-360 on ominous vote with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher reads agenda items 2023-356 through 2023-360 into the record of the City Council meeting.

Debate Agenda

2023-356 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING GREGORY TALLY TO THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-357 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY MUCCIANTE TO THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Alderman Carlson)**

2023-358 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANN M. MARES TO THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-359 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRADLEY R. MILLS TO THE SPRINGFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-360 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING RANDY ALDRICH TO THE SPRINGFIELD ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place agenda items 2023-356 through 2023-360 on final passage. Alderman Donelan motioned to place agenda items 2023-356 through 2023-360 on final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderwoman Conley, Mayor Misty Buscher and Bradley Mills. Alderwoman Conley would like to be added as co-sponsor on agenda item 2023-358. Clerk Lesko already added Alderwoman Conley to the agenda item as a co-sponsor and sent her a follow up email. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Emergency Passage Agenda.

Emergency Passage Agenda

2023-374 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR SAPORI ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC. D/B/A SAPORI PIZZERIA OF SPRINGFIELD LOCATED AT 1941 WEST ILES AVENUE, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Alderman Carlson)**

Alderman Carlson motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The Mayor was included in this vote.

2023-375 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “E” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF LAKE POINTE GRILL, INC., D/B/A LAKE POINTE GRILL LOCATED AT 1941 WEST ILES AVENUE, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The Mayor was included in this vote.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Alice Ramey-signed up-did not speak
- Deborah Roper-signed up-spoke

No Executive Session

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Redpath motioned for adjournment with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Lesko".

Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on September 5, 2023.