

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 5, 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 September 5, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL SESSION

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Tuesday September 5, 2023 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:30 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 reads the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the August 15, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes with Alderman Carlson 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 Redpath motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Redpath 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 place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes with the exception of Alderwoman Conley voting present on agenda item 2023-379.

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-376 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RECONDITIONED TRANSFORMERS FROM VARIOUS SELECTED VENDORS FOR A TWO-YEAR TIMEFRAME IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-377 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NO. UW24-05 - PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TRIPLE WELL BOAT DOCK WITH JLS MARINE INCORPORATED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,460.00 FOR THE OFFICES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-378 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-06-36 – FENCING REPLACEMENT AT JACKSON SUBSTATION WITH AMCO FENCE COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,890.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-379 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MITIGATION AGREEMENT WITH ICG ILLINOIS, LLC. IN REGARDS TO THE RESTATED AND AMENDED CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF COAL WITH ARCH COAL SALES COMPANY, INC., FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-383 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “A” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR ROOTS LATIN GRILL, LLC D/B/A SOCAVON LOCATED AT 4117 WEST WABASH AVENUE. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-384 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR EAGLE GOLF AND GRILL, INC. D/B/A EAGLE GOLF AND GRILL LOCATED AT 3941 PINTAIL DRIVE. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-386 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 102301-2 WITH WASHINGTON STREET MISSION AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377,937.00 PURSUANT TO ICJIA GRANT NO. 102301 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-388 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 102301-3 WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF ITS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$768,168.00 PURSUANT TO ICJIA GRANT NO. 102301 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-389 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 102301-4 WITH SOJOURN SHELTER AND SERVICES AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$878,104.00 PURSUANT TO ICJIA GRANT NO. 102301 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-390 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SECOND ADDENDUM TO A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM (MABAS) A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT PROVIDE MUTUAL AID TO ONE ANOTHER IN TIMES OF SEVERE EMERGENCY OR OTHER DISASTER, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-391 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FROM SUTTON FORD, INC. FOR THE FIRE SAFETY DIVISION UNDER STATE OF ILLINOIS JOINT-PURCHASING MASTER CONTRACT #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-41049 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACTUAL AMOUNT OF \$83,440.00 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-396 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT 23-SR-0002 WITH HELPING HANDS TO OPERATE AN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND COORDINATED SERVICES FOR UNSHELTERED HOMELESS FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2024, UTILIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-398 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,470.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 GRANT ACTIVITY AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 92-03-23. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher 2023-086, 2023-173, 2023-201, 2023-202, 2023-203 and 2023-322 remain tabled or in committee. No movement made.

Alderman Donelan motioned to move agenda items 2023-392 through 2023-395 to the front of the agenda with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-392 AN ORDINANCE DISSOLVING A BUSINESS DISTRICT RETAILERS' OCCUPATIONAL TAX, A BUSINESS SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX AND A BUSINESS DISTRICT HOTEL OPERATORS' OCCUPATION TAX WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance Ryan McCrady and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-393 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No vote taken on this motion. Alderman Redpath motion to amend this agenda item with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item, as amended, to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-394 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT 2 AND ADOPTING THE SOUTH CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT 2 PLAN. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath 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 10-0 voting yes.

2023-395 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A BUSINESS DISTRICT RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX, A BUSINESS DISTRICT SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX, AND A BUSINESS DISTRICT HOTEL OPERATORS' OCCUPATION TAX WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT 2. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to suspend the rules to add an agenda item 2023-429 to first read. Alderman Carlson motioned to suspend the rules to add an agenda item with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

2023-380 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$128,000.00 FOR SETTLEMENT OF CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL COURT CASE 19-cv-3093 *ANDREW DUNLEVY v. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD & JAMES O. LANGFELDER*.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Williams Jr., Alderwoman Conley and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. Alderman Williams Jr. stepped away. The motion passed with a vote of 8-1-0 voting yes with Alderman Rockford voting no.

2023-381 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARK VASCONCELLES TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Redpath 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 9-0 voting yes.

2023-382 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN L. KUHN, PE TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Alderman Williams Jr. returned to the meeting. Discussion had by Kevin L. Kuhn. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-385 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 102301-5 WITH MEMORIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,505.00 PURSUANT TO ICJIA GRANT NO. 102301 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. Discussion had by Memorial Behavior Health President Diana Knaebe, Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-387 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 102301-1 WITH SOLID ROCK YOUTH TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$587,500.00 PURSUANT TO ICJIA GRANT NO. 102301 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. Discussion had by Solid Rock Youth Transitional Services, Inc. President/Founder Marscia Anderson and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-397 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ZNS 51, LLC FOR REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 214 S. SIXTH STREET UTILIZING CENTRAL AREA TAX INCREMENT FINANCE FUNDS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Gregory and Office of Planning and Economic Development Community Program Specialist Julia Cave. The motion passed with a vote of 9-1-0 voting yes with Alderman Williams Jr. voting no.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Alderman Gregory called a Point of Order. Point of Information. Discussion had by Alderman Gregory and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. Alderman Gregory motioned to suspend the rules to add agenda items 2023-430, 2023-431 and 2023-432 with Alderman Williams Jr. seconding the motion. Alderman Gregory began to read the agenda items into the record. Alderman Donelan called a Point of Order. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderpersons. Alderman Gregory stepped away from the meeting to print copies to hand out of the proposed added agenda items. The council continued the Unfinished Business while Alderman Gregory was away. Alderman Gregory returns to the meeting. Alderman Gregory called Point of Information. Discussion had by Alderman Gregory and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. City Clerk Lesko reads agenda items 2023-430, 2023-431 and 2023-432 into the record. Alderman Donelan motioned to place agenda items 2023-430, 2023-431 and 2023-432 on ominous vote with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. Discussion had by Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette and Alderpersons. Alderman Redpath called Point of Order. Discussion had by Alderpersons. City Clerk Lesko roll called the vote to place the agenda items on first read. Alderman Redpath-yes. Alderman Gregory-yes. Alderman Williams Jr.-present. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-yes. Alderwoman Notariano-yes. Alderman Carlson-yes. Alderwoman Conley-yes. Alderman Donelan-yes. Alderman Hanauer-yes. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 9-0-1 voting yes with Alderman Williams Jr. voting present.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- James Meister-signed up-spoke
- Alice Ramey-signed up-did not speak
- Teresa Haley-signed up-spoke

No Executive Session

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Purchase motioned for adjournment with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on September 19, 2023.