

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 3, 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 October 3, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL SESSION

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Tuesday October 3, 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 read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher invited Emily Lynch from Sinclair Broadcasting along with Springfield Convention Visitors Bureau Director Scott Dahl up to give a presentation. Discussion had by Emily Lynch and Alderman Carlson.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the September 19, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Donelan motioned to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion with withdraw agenda item 2023-475. Alderman Donelan motion to withdraw duplicate agenda item number 2023-475 with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

2023-475 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE SAME FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderman Hanauer.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting excluding agenda item 2023-475. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting excluding agenda item 2023-475 with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move 2023-435 to debate and 2023-443 back to committee with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting excluding agenda items 2023-435 and 2023-443. Alderwoman Purchase motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting excluding agenda items 2023-435 and 2023-443 with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda on final passage excluding agenda items 2023-435 and 2023-443. Alderman Hanauer motioned to place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-423 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES GRANT NO. 2810-40939, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,427.00, WITH MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT \$27,580.00 FOR FUNDING OF THE AMERICORPS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,007.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-433 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-08-46 – PURE STORAGE AREA NETWORK WITH MATRIX SYSTEMS GROUP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$591,852.80, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-434 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK AND FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434,000.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES BY ANDREWS ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE REMAINDER OF MONITORING YEARS 2023-2025 IN RELATION TO COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION SYSTEM (FGDS) LANDFILL IN A GRAND TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$538,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-436 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TWO-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPRING RIVER HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB FOR FISHING AT THE GRAVEL PIT PROPERTY, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-437 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIBER CAPACITY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGFIELD CLINIC, LLP FOR 1025 S. 6TH STREET AND 1134 S. 7TH STREET, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-438 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIBER CAPACITY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGFIELD CLINIC, LLP FOR 1025 S. 6TH STREET AND 1351 S. 8TH STREET, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-439 A RESOLUTION DECLARING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2401 E. ASH STREET TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY, DIRECTING THE SALE OF SAID REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY TO EMMANUEL TEMPLE CHURCH. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-440 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM DAVID W. ENGLAND LOCATED AT 2100 S. 11TH STREET IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300.00 AND CLOSING COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,690.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,990.00 FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES SPECIFICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON 11TH STREET AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ASH AND LAUREL STREETS FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-441 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT, RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION TO DIRKSEN PARKWAY FROM PEORIA ROAD TO NORTHFIELD DRIVE (MFT SECTION # 23-STATE-00-TL) AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,228.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-442 A RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,228.00, MAY BE USED FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION IMPROVEMENTS TO DIRKSEN PARKWAY FROM PEORIA ROAD TO NORTHFIELD DRIVE, MFT SECTION NO. 23-STATE-00-TL, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-446 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR BANDO HOLDINGS MACARTHUR LLC D/B/A PAPI’S PIZZA PUB LOCATED AT 1710 S. MACARTHUR BOULEVARD.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-447 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00 TO MICHAEL MCGEE, A CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FIRE FIGHTER, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 23-WC-006284. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-448 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO ADAM STADE, A CITY OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYEE, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 22-WC-018892. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-449 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE LEGACY POINTE SPORTS COMPLEX BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AND LEGACY PARK SPORTS, LLC, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-450 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$171,989.00 TO ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL PREMIUM FOR COVERAGE OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-452 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEM AND FILL STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,700.00 FROM SCBAS, INC. UTILIZING FEMA 2022 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS (AFG) GRANT NUMBER EMW-2022-FG-08526 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-453 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT #EMW-2022-FG-08526 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$418,445.45, WITH MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,844.55 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$460,290.00 AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,290.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-454 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE SAME FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-455 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-456 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO AMEND ITS RULES TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM AGE LIMIT FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-457 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$82,500.00 FOR SETTLEMENT OF CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL COURT CASE 20-CV-3057 CORY HOEDEBECKE v. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD & RHET SPENGEL.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher 2023-173, 2023-201, 2023-202, 2023-203, 2023-322, 2023-420, 2023-421, 2023-430, 2023-431, 2023-432 and 2023-443 remain tabled or in committee. No movement made.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

2023-435 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT WITH LEVI, RAY & SHOUP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$559,433.74 TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND NETWORK SERVICE UPGRADES, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Hanauer motioned to add an amendment to this agenda item with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Hanauer and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item, as amended, to final passage with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0 voting yes.

2023-444 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF VALERA YAZELL AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Office of Planning and Economic Development Interim Director Val Yazell and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0 voting yes.

2023-445 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC KETCHUM AS DEPUTY CITY TREASURER. **(Requested by City Treasurer Colleen Redpath Feger)**

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Eric Ketchum and Mayor Misty Buscher. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0 voting yes.

2023-451 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF RFP VM18-13 WITH MOTOR PARTS AND EQUIPMENT CORPORATION D/B/A NAPA AUTO PARTS FOR A TURNKEY PARTS STORE OPERATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 FROM AUGUST 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. Discussion had by Office of Budget and Management Director Ramona Metzger, Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderman Rockford. Alderman Hanauer motioned to pull 2023-322 out of committee with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. Alderman Hanauer motioned to withdraw agenda item 2023-451 with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. Discussion had by Office of Budget and Management Fleet Maintenance Manager Tim Wier, Office of Budget and Management Purchasing Agent Mike Lesko, Mayor Misty Buscher. Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock and Alderpersons. Alderman Hanauer motioned to withdraw his motion to withdraw agenda item 2023-451 with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to move agenda item 2023-451 back to committee with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move agenda item 2023-322 out of committee to the debate agenda with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a roll call vote. Alderman Redpath-yes. Alderman Gregory-yes. Alderman Williams Jr.-yes. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-yes. Alderwoman Notariano-yes. Alderman Carlson-yes. Alderman Donelan-yes. Alderman Hanauer-yes. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 9-0 voting yes.

2023-322 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF RFP VM24-04 WITH MOTOR PARTS AND EQUIPMENT CORPORATION D/B/A NAPA AUTO PARTS FOR A TURNKEY PARTS STORE OPERATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,850,000.00 FROM AUGUST 1, 2023, THROUGH JULY 31, 2026, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Emergency Passage Agenda.

2023-478 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR SKY LOUNGE, LLC D/B/A SKY LOUNGE LOCATED AT 3254 W. ILES AVENUE, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Alderman Carlson)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock and Alderpersons. Alderman Hanauer would like to be added as a co-sponsor. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes. Mayor Misty Buscher was included in the vote.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

-Alice Ramey-signed up-did not speak.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to recess the City Council meeting to go into Executive Session. Reason for Executive Session reason is pursuant to 5 ILCS 120-2 of the Open Meetings Act, Sec. C1 Personal Matters and C8 School Building Safety and Security Procedures. Alderman Donelan motioned to recess the City Council meeting to go into Executive Session with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes. City Council meeting recessed at 6:13 pm. Alderman Donelan motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the City Council meeting with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes. The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:28 pm.

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hanauer motioned for adjournment with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. Motion passed with voice vote 9-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on October 17, 2023.